



LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD (LDRAB)
LANDSCAPE SUB-COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AGENDA
2300 NORTH JOG ROAD, CONFERENCE ROOM VC-1E-60– 1ST FLOOR
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Introduction of Members, Staff and Interested Parties
2. Additions, Substitutions and Deletions to Agenda
3. Motion to Adopt Agenda

B. REVIEW SUMMARY FROM 7-15-2015 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

a. VEGETATION PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION

ERM and Zoning staff gave overviews of their respective processes and responsibilities and explained the following:

- 25% relocation can be accomplished via DRO
- Trees that can't be preserved must be mitigated
- Pre-meetings should be scheduled to ensure preservation and mitigation initiatives are understood by staff and developers
- Tree surveys should be submitted
- Site Inspections should be conducted to determine whether or not trees are viable and can be relocated

The group discussed issues related to a “disconnect” between the landscape architects that prepare the plans and the construction personnel in the field. This “disconnect” results in trees slated for preservation being cut down. Industry explained that owners / developers are often hesitant to preserve / mitigate trees because of the expense. There is also no guarantee that the trees will remain viable. ERM staff advised that a penalty requiring the installation of double the amount of trees is assessed when trees are cut down in error. The group expressed that additional steps via coordination with other agencies should be considered to ensure trees are preserved.

Staff will schedule meetings with agencies involved with clearing and vegetation preservation to coordinate efforts and processes to ensure trees are appropriately preserved, mitigated, or relocated (whichever is applicable). It was suggested that the tree survey be superimposed on the site plan at time of submittal. This would allow alternative site designs that incorporate existing trees

at an early stage in the review process. The tree survey requirements will be included in the Technical Requirements Manual, and methods for tagging trees will be explored.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS TO INSURE REQUIRED PRESERVATION

1. Ensure Zoning site planners check for preservation conditions at the time of plat review
 - Add to Plat Review training documents
 - Make comments if necessary regarding to ensure preservation
2. Require issuance of building permits for barricades
 - Barricades must be installed prior to final DRO approval-Zoning will recommend conditions of approval
 - Specifications for barricades, tagging trees, size of tree caliber for preservation/relocation,
3. Improved coordination between Zoning and ERM
 - Landscape Inspectors meet with ERM staff to review monthly intake of new applications to identify sites with trees worthy or preservation.
 - Landscape Inspectors conduct site visits with Zoning Project managers and assist with drafting conditions to address preservation of vegetation.
 - Tree Survey-Zoning created new template for Tree Survey that will be found in Title 2 (Plans) of the Tech Manual
4. Possible Building Inspector role
 - Hand out contact information / flier for possible clearing issues
5. Article 7 and Article 2, Authority for Zoning Director authority to review and imposed Possible Code Amendment in 2015-02 to provide clear authority
6. Fines - Discussed and agree at this time that there will be no changes to Article 14.

D. SUMMARY OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION

F. ADJOURN

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