



## **LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD (LDRAB)**

### **LANDSCAPE SUB-COMMITTEE**

NOVEMBER 1, 2017, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
2300 NORTH JOG ROAD, CONFERENCE ROOM VC-2E-12 – 2ND FLOOR  
**MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER – 9:05 AM**

##### **ATTENDANCE:**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** No LDRAB committee member was present.

**PZB STAFF:** Barbara Pinkston, Jon Powers, Melissa Matos, George Galle, and Dorine Kelley

**INTERESTED PARTIES:** Gladys DiGirolamo, Dylan Roden, Ben Dolan, Mike Renda, Eddy Viera, Jim Klein, Mary Dias Brown, Helen Cohen, Jay Bridge, Linda McCandless, Colin Friedrich, Chris Lockhart, Brandon Balch, Mary Young, Paton White, and Drew Martin.

**A. Participant Introductions**

**B. OVERVIEW – Barbara Pinkston**

Barbara explained that the meeting would cover two items: the Preferred Species List and native vegetation percentage requirements. She also explained that the purpose of the meeting was to gather input on both topics and that no immediate action would be occurring.

**C. Input / Comments:**

**Preferred Species List**

Participants reviewed a letter from the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council and were shown how to locate the Plant Material Database. Chris Lockhart indicated that she thinks the web page is a good idea and went on to express her concerns regarding the planting of certain species. Some attendees mentioned that the site could provide more specific information. Staff advised that the information

provided is general in nature and that it is intended to provide assistance for the general public that may have limited “landscape” knowledge. Brandon Balch mentioned that there are certain plants such as Bottle Brush that have some species that are invasive and some that are non-invasive. The group discussed University of Florida’s IFUS list and some suggested that we utilize that list as a guide.

#### Percentage of Native Vegetation

The group discussed the importance of encouraging the use of native vegetation. While all attendees agreed on its importance there was disagreement on the percentage that should be required. Drew Martin and several other participants stressed the importance as migratory birds primarily feed off of native vegetation. Discussion and debate regarding whether or not it should remain at 60% native or if 50% would be more appropriate. George Galle reminded everyone that the 60% applies only to required plant material, and that other species can be utilized for the remaining material. A vote was taken to determine whether or not the majority felt the status quo is acceptable or if the amount of required native should be reduced to 50%. The majority of the attendees agreed that the 60% native requirement is acceptable.

#### **D. SUMMARY / FUTURE MEETINGS**

Barbara advised that the amendments from the previous subcommittee meetings had been presented to LDRA. The next meeting is pending and the topic will be bioswales

**ADJOURN – 10:15AM**