



ARCHITECTURE
A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD
(LDRAB)

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2009 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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On Tuesday June 9, 2009 the Architecture Subcommittee met at the Vista Center, Room VC-2E-12-Conference Room, at 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida. The meeting convened at 2:06 pm and was called to order by Jon MacGillis.

Fourth Meeting of the Architecture Subcommittee

A. Attendance

LDRAB Members: Jose Jaramillo

Industry: Robert Currie,

County Staff: Jon MacGillis, Maryann Kwok, Jan Wiegand, Timothy Sanford

B. Minutes

Jon MacGillis started the subcommittee by going over the agenda and reiterating what was discussed during the previous subcommittee meeting. Jon stated how the architectural style sheets are in the technical manual and that there are 5 styles that clearly need to be defined. Jon also spoke on the suggestions Mark Beatty provided via email pertaining to various elements of sustainable architecture. Jon suggested that green building will only apply to the exterior of the building and not the interior of the building. Zoning is proposing a point system with respect to the green building process and the Zoning Director will ultimately determine whether projects meet the standards for approval.

Robert Currie spoke on various green elements such as cisterns. He stated how these cisterns can be roof or ground mounted and their shape can be modified to minimize the potential impact of their appearance.

Jose Jaramillo spoke on solar panels and how there has been mixed results with these in Florida. Jose stated there are various liability issues with solar panels and green roofs. Waterproofing roofs is a very costly undertaking whereas painting roofs white is an acceptable method for having a green roof.

Jon MacGillis went over the chart for nonresidential design elements for green buildings. Jon stated how this will be based on a point system and how the façade will likely get most of the points out of all the requirements.

Robert Currie suggested how Zoning could tie the green building requirements to LEED.

Jon MacGillis stated that it would be very difficult to tie the points to LEED because the points are awarded after the building is constructed.

Robert Currie mentioned how it might be better to change surrounding to adjacent or give a specific range of distance to determine compatibility.

Jon MacGillis spoke on how there needs to be standards/criteria where staff is able to base a decision on something.

Jose Jaramillo made a recommendation to offer applicants more options to make a choice on their design. For example, the applicant would have the option to choose between providing a trellis or gazebo as opposed to having to comply with the recess and projection requirements.

Jon MacGillis asked the members to expand upon the unique structure definition and stated how staff will work on the green building language.

The next subcommittee meeting will convene on June 16, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm