



**RENEWABLE ENERGY
A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD (LDRAB)**

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2009 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

PREPARED BY BARBARA PINKSTON-NAU, PRINCIPAL SITE PLANNER I

On Friday June 12, 2009, the Renewable Energy Subcommittee met at the Vista Center, Room VC-2E-12-Zoning, at 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

A. Attendance

LDRAB Members: Raymond Puzzitiello, Barbara Katz

FPL: Chuck Millar, Ryan Fair

Industry: Joe Verdone

County Staff: Barbara P. Nau, Lisa Amara

B. MINUTES-

Barbara P. Nau began the meeting at 2:15 a.m. and summarized the last meeting.

C. DISCUSSION POINTS

The group reviewed the language discussed at the last meeting.

A brief discussion ensued regarding “microturbines” and how they would be approved. Barbara Nau explained that they would be viewed as an accessory structure and would be subject to the applicable zoning and building regulations.

One of the major points included separating solar and wind as their impacts on neighboring properties is not the same. Joe Verdone presented a matrix separating the two uses that included the various review processes.

The group discussed the review processes. Barbara Katz questioned the impact that the wind facilities would have on adjacent properties. Barbara Nau explained that the setbacks proposed when adjacent to residential properties would be greater than the standard setback, and that a distance of 110% of the height was being proposed.

Barbara Katz also indicated that she felt public hearings should be required in certain areas. Chuck Millar explained that solar panels have minimal impact, do not generate sound and do not exceed height limitations. Ray Puzzitiello also expressed that the impact created by panels would be minimal.

Discussion continued related to not requiring a DOA when collocating a renewable energy facility adjacent to an electrical generation facility. The group felt that the

renewable facility should be subject to the applicable review process based upon the location of the facility.

There was additional discussion related to a HOA designating an area to be utilized for solar panels to generate power for common facilities such as clubhouses.

After a recap a vote was taken to forward the recommendation to the full LDRAB.

D. Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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