

**BREVARD COUNTY LANDSCAPING, LAND CLEARING
AND TREE PROTECTION TASK FORCE**

November 9, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members Present

Robert Day-Primary Representative, Brevard Nature Alliance
Jackie Gregory-Primary Representative, Commission District 1
Vaughn Holeman-Primary Representative, District 4
Billy Kempfer-Alternate Representative, Florida Forestry Association
Rochelle Lawandales-Primary Representative, Commission District 2
James Payne-Primary Representative, Cattleman's Association
Thomas Schuller-Primary Representative, Florida Farm Bureau
Brad Smith-Primary Representative, American Society of Landscape Architects
Lisa Smith-Primary Representative, Florida Native Plant Society
Facilitator-Marilyn Crotty, Director, Florida Institute of Government

Task Force Members Absent

Bo Barnavon-Primary Representative, Homebuilders and Contractors Association
Steve Brown-Alternate Representative, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association
Kathleen Burson-Alternate Representative, Florida Native Plant Society
Bud Crisafulli-Alternate Representative, Florida Farm Bureau
Lynn Girling-Primary Representative, International Society of Arborists
Susan Hall-Alternate Representative, American Society of Landscape Architects
Don Hawthorne-Primary Representative, Garden Club
Anthony Koromilas-Alternative Representative, District 1
Robert Lee-Primary Representative, American Society of Civil Engineers
Charlie Moehle-Alternate Representative, Commission District 2
Maureen Rupe-Primary Representative, Commission District 5
Jim Spratt-Primary Representative, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association
Dick Thompson-Primary Representative, Commission District 3
Earl Underhill-Primary Representative, Florida Forestry Association
Dan Zrallack-Alternate Representative, American Society of Civil Engineers

County Staff Present

Amanda Elmore- Supervisor, NRMO
Sherry Williams-Special Projects Coordinator, NRMO
Dan VanGenechten, Environmental Specialist
Liz McDuffee-Secretary I, NRMO

Signed-in Citizens

None

Call to Order

Marilyn Crotty called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm; however, no official business could be conducted because the required quorum was not present.

While waiting for a quorum to arrive, Sherry Williams distributed a handout that included tree canopy and ecosystem benefit analyses for the Brevard County area. These analyses were conducted by the American Forests, Inc. in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey. Amanda Elmore informed the task force that letters have been mailed to task force members who have attended less than 50% of the scheduled meetings.

At 3:21 when the eighth member arrived, making a quorum, the LLTP Task Force was officially called to order. After a short period of discussion, the 10/26/05 minutes were approved with the following changes:

- Changed “5-4-3-4-5” ranking scales to “5-4-3-2-1” on pages three and four.
- Changed “87.5% consensus” to “100% consensus” for Option 2, Canopy and Tree Preservation Standards, Item (1) on page 4.
- Corrected grammatical error on page 5.

General

Brad Smith recommended that the task force do some reality testing and financial modeling on the new draft after it is completed. Brad’s office has already analyzed five projects against what has been approved to date and he would like to ask Kathleen Burson and Susan Hall to do some analysis in the future. Marilyn Crotty noted that Brad’s suggestion received support from the task force and that the task force will ensure that people with the appropriate expertise are willing to devote some time to “testing” the ordinance at the end of the development process. Rochelle Lawandales suggested that the task force take examples and include graphics within the new ordinance. Amanda Elmore described the publication method of another county’s ordinance for the task force to consider. That county placed the actual code on one side of the page and the layman’s language and pictures/graphics on the other side. Vaughn Holeman cautioned the task force that the person writing the interpretation is really writing the code so the task force needs to ensure that the interpreter was part of the development process.

Tom Schuller asked the status of the Agricultural Use Interpretation. Amanda Elmore stated that the County Attorney has not issued an interpretation yet.

Draft Approvals/Changes

- Page 14, approved as written.
- Page 15, item f-1: Delete “No species of mangroves shall be eligible for points under this subsection.” (Mangroves are not listed in Volume 5, Plants, Rare and Endangered Biota of Florida.)
- Page 15, f-2 and f-3: Change “30 points” and “20 points” to “40 points.” Brad Smith suggested that a fiscal analysis be done to see if this change is effective.
- Page 16, item f-5: Change “12 inches in height” to “15 – 18 inches in height.” Also add that the mangrove must be fully rooted in a 3-gal. container.

- Page 16, item h:
 - Remove “Excluding private driveways to single-family homes,”
 - Add that this section applies to residential subdivision, commercial, industrial and institutional projects.
 - Clarify that this section does not apply to individual, single-family parcels or lots platted or otherwise legally created prior to September 9, 1988.
 - Clarify in item h-2 that the 15-foot Type B landscape buffer as referenced in Sec. 62-3640 (b) is not applicable to subdivisions.
- Page 17, items 3 and 4:
 - Put heat island drawings in the code.
 - Add that landscape islands shall not be less than 12 feet in width for medium species or 15 feet in width for large species and that the length of the parking spaces dictates the landscape island’s length.
 - In the table showing Requirements for Parking Areas Point Schedule for Planted Trees, change the Required Tree Island Area from “400 square feet for large trees and 200 square feet for medium trees” to “300 Square feet for large trees and 240 square feet for medium trees.” (These figures were based on $12 \times 20 = 240$ square feet for one medium tree and $15 \times 20 = 300$ square feet for one large tree.)
 - The task force initially agreed on the following changes: In the “Requirements for Parking Areas Point Schedule for Preserved Native Trees” table, change the minimum associated pervious area from “400 square feet” to “400 square feet or the root protection zone whichever is larger.” Also change the points as follows: from 40 to 60, from 45 to 120, from 60 to 240, and 75 to 240. However, at the end of the meeting, the task force discussed these changes: Replace the chart with 15 points per inch of dbh starting with a minimum of 2.5 inches. Amend associated pervious area to read 400 square feet or root protection zone whichever is larger. No decision was made regarding the newly proposed changes before the meeting adjourned.
 - Change any language referencing “minimum square feet” under item 3 to correspond to the changes made above.

Citizen’s Comments

There were no citizen’s comments.

Next meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, November 30 from 3pm to 5pm at the Brevard County Agriculture Extension Office. The following meeting is scheduled for December 7th. Please bring your calendars to the next meeting so the task force can set the remaining meetings. On November 30th, the task force will resume its review of the draft regulations on Section 62 3639(1) I, page 18.

Please let staff know if you will be unable to attend any of the task force meetings. Also, your prompt arrival would be appreciated. If a quorum of eight members is not present for the meeting, then no official business can be conducted. Alternative Representatives are encouraged to attend all meetings - not just when the Primary Representative is

unable to attend so that they will have an understanding of progress to date. Staff will continue to make reminder calls to task force members the day before meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.