

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

November 30, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members Present

Bo Barnavon-Primary Representative, Homebuilders and Contractors Association
Kathleen Burson-Alternate Representative, Florida Native Plant Society
Roger Daniels-Substitute Representative, International Society of Arborists
Robert Day-Primary Representative, Brevard Nature Alliance
Jackie Gregory-Primary Representative, Commission District 1
Susan Hall-Alternate Representative, American Society of Landscape Architects
Vaughn Holeman-Primary Representative, District 4
Robert Lee-Primary Representative, American Society of Civil Engineers
Maureen Rupe-Primary Representative, Commission District 5
Thomas Schuller-Primary Representative, Florida Farm Bureau
Jim Spratt-Primary Representative, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association
Facilitator-Marilyn Crotty, Director, Florida Institute of Government

Task Force Members Absent

Steve Brown-Alternate Representative, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association
Bud Crisafulli-Alternate Representative, Florida Farm Bureau
Lynn Girling-Primary Representative, International Society of Arborists
Don Hawthorne-Primary Representative, Garden Club
Billy Kempfer-Alternate Representative, Florida Forestry Association
Anthony Koromilas-Alternative Representative, District 1
Rochelle Lawandales-Primary Representative, Commission District 2
Charlie Moehle-Alternate Representative, Commission District 2
James Payne-Primary Representative, Cattleman's Association
Brad Smith-Primary Representative, American Society of Landscape Architects
Lisa Smith-Primary Representative, Florida Native Plant Society
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

Ernie Brown-Director, NRMO
Amanda Elmore-Supervisor, NRMO
Sherry Williams-Special Projects Coordinator, NRMO
Liz McDuffee-Secretary I, NRMO

Signed-in Citizens

None

Call to Order

Marilyn Crotty called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm after a quorum had been obtained.

After a short period of discussion, the 11/09/05 minutes were approved with the following change:

- Added that no decision was made regarding the changes discussed at the end of the meeting concerning 15 credit points per inch of dbh for preserved native trees in parking areas.

General

Roger Daniels introduced himself as Lynn Girling's substitute. Roger works for the City of Cocoa and is a member of the International Society of Arboriculture.

Ernie Brown reminded the task force that its time extension is ending on December 28th. The task force agreed to meet from 2pm to 8pm on December 7th and from 1pm to 8pm on December 14th in order to complete drafting the ordinance. The task force's goal is to have a final, untested ordinance draft by the end of the December 14th meeting. The plan is to give an update to the Board on January 10th and ask for an additional 30 days to perform feasibility and financial testing on the ordinance. A final task force meeting will be scheduled to review the test results before the new draft is presented to the Board.

The task force continued its discussion regarding awarding 15 credit points per inch of dbh for preserved native trees in parking areas, but decided not to incorporate this change.

Draft Approvals/Changes

- Page 14, Section 62-3639, Landscaping Performance Standards: Revise numbering because (1) has no (2).
- Page 18, Requirements for Parking Areas Point Schedule for Preserved Native Trees table: Leave "Greater than 8 inches," but delete "up to and including 16 inches." Delete "Greater than 16 inches."
- Page 18, 4.j: Replace "or their equivalent" with "successor agency."
- Page 18, 4.k: Change "Minimum size of trees" to "Minimum size of newly planted trees." Delete "whether preserved or newly planted trees." Change "at planting" to "at the time of planting."
- Page 18, 4.k.1: Combine (a) and (b). Change (c) to (b).
- Page 18, 4.k.2. (a): Delete "and medium" from "Large and medium species."
- Page 18, 4.k.2. (a) and (b): Change the referenced square feet for pervious areas to be consistent with earlier changes.
- Page 19, 4.l: Add a reference to incentives for removing undesirable species.
- Page 19, between 4.q and 4.r: Add verbiage regarding the ongoing protection of the root zone to ensure the survivability of trees after construction.
- Page 20, 4.r: Delete "(preferably sustainable harvested amendments)." Delete "A one-year maintenance bond shall also be required."

- Page 20, 4.s: Add “as defined under this division” after “all non-native noxious invasive plants...”
- Page 20, 4.t. (3): Staff will investigate dyed mulched processes and dyed mulch availability before the task force decides if the statement, “Dyed mulches are not permissible” will remain in this section.
- Page 21, 4.t. (8): Add cross-reference to code enforcement verbiage related to overgrowth.
- Page 21, 4.t. (10): Change “Irrigation system, if any ...” to “Automatic irrigation system, if any.”
- Page 22: No changes.
- Page 23: Change “Section 62-3541” to “Section 62-3641.”
- Page 24, Section 62-3642, Incentives for Increased Canopy and Tree Preservation and Increased Landscaping. (1): Staff will confirm that there are no inconsistencies or incompatibilities between this incentive and Zoning Department requirements.
- Page 25, Point Schedule for Preserved Trees table: Increase the credit points for all trees to be consistent with the parking area credit points. Move this table to page 14, Section 62-3639, Landscaping Performance Standards and place it after 1.e.

Citizen’s Comments

There were no citizen’s comments.

Next meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, December 7 at the Brevard County Agriculture Extension Office. The task force will continue its draft review on page 25, Section 62-3642. **Please note that the December 7 meeting will be an extended meeting starting at 2pm and ending at 8pm. During this meeting the task force will complete the draft ordinance review and then begin review of the final draft ordinance in which staff have incorporated the task force’s changes.** Dinner will be provided. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14. It will also be an extended meeting, starting at 1pm and ending at 8pm.

Because of the short time between meetings, please check the Natural Resources web site at http://natres.brevardcounty.us/landscaping_meetings.cfm to review material before the next meeting.

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 5:05 PM.