

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND PERMIT PROCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**(DRPPAC)**

The Indian River County (IRC) Development Review and Permit Process Advisory Committee (DRPPAC) met at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019**, in the County Administration Building, Building B, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the agenda and the Minutes on the IRC website – <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/DRPPAC/2019.htm>.

Present were: **Chairperson Debb Robinson**, District 1; **Vice-Chairman Joe Paladin**, District 2; **Christopher Murphy**, Member-at-Large; **John Wesley Mills**, District 3; **Robert Banov**, District 4; **Bruce Redus**, District 4; **Chuck Mechling**, District 5; **Greg Burke**, Member-at-Large; and **John Blum**, District 5.

Absent were: **Robin Raiff**, District 1; **Carter Taylor**, District 2; **Raymond Sheltra**, Member-at-Large; and **Stephen Melchiori**, Alternate; and (all unexcused).

Others Present were: **Jason Brown**, County Administrator; **Bill DeBaal**, Deputy County Attorney; **Stan Boling**, Director, Community Development; **Rich Szpyrka**, Director, Public Works; **Vincent Burke**, Director, Utilities; **Scott McAdams**, Building Official; **John McCoy**, Chief, and **Bill Schutt**, Senior Planner, Community Development; **Dave Johnson**, Fire Marshall; **Ryan Sweeney**, Senior Planner; **Misty L. Pursel**, Commissioner Assistant and Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., at which time it was determined there was a quorum present.

**Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Elections – Action Required**

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Paladin, SECONDED BY Mr. Burke, the Committee voted unanimously (9-0) to re-elect Debb Robinson as Chairman of the Development Review and Permit Process Advisory Committee for 2019.**

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Mechling, SECONDED BY Chairman Robinson, voted unanimously (9-0) to re-elect Joseph Paladin as Vice Chairman of the Development Review and Permit Process Advisory Committee for 2019.**

**Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

There were none.

**Approval of the Minutes of October 17, 2018– Action Required**

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Mechling, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Paladin, the Committee voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of October 17, 2018, as presented.**

**Old Business**

- a) Building Permit Item(s) from Robert Banov

Discussion ensued; no action taken.

- b) Policy on cost benefit analysis for proposed changes affecting the development industry

**ON MOTION BY Vice Chairman Paladin, SECONDED by Mr. Burke, the Committee voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend implementation of a cost benefit analysis policy for proposed changes affecting the development industry with analysis (quantitative, qualitative, or life cycle approaches) presented to decision-makers such as Board of County Commissioners.**

- c) Planned Development (PD) "public benefits" policy

Discussion ensued; no action taken. Through a common request of the Committee, Mr. Boling would provide a list of "for example" or "including, but not limited to" public benefit PD trade-off items as an attachment to assist the public in understanding what was involved with a PD, at such time the committee's recommendations are brought to the Board of County Commissioners.

- d) Landscaping Item(s) / proposed flexibility on palm canopy tree credits

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Mechling, SECONDED by Mr. Blum, the Committee supported a proposed amendment already drafted by staff to allow a number of species alternatives and more flexibility on palm canopy tree credits.**

**UNDER DISCUSSION**, Mr. Burke supported flexibility in allowing different species to be used. Mr. Mechling also suggested taking into consideration nursery availability for product.

**THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION**, and the Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

- e) Having an on-going development industry committee

No action taken.

- f) Reconsideration of Committee recommendation on County littoral zone requirements

**ON MOTION BY Vice Chairman Paladin, SECONDED by Mr. Mechling to keep the littoral zone and change the slope to an 8-to-1 slope, and change the Land Development Regulations.**

**UNDER DISCUSSION**, Mr. Mechling rescinded his second; the **MOTION DIED**.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY Vice Chairman Paladin, to change the slope to a 6-to-1, instead of the 10-to-1 slope, with the required littoral planning by meeting Saint John's River Water Management District's requirements, with the minimum of 15 percent.**

**MOTION DIED FOR THE LACK OF A SECOND.**

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Murphy, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Paladin to support staff's recommendation and the Committee recommends to the Board of County Commissioners to direct staff to conduct an evaluation of littoral zones with a recommendation to be modified to a minimum of 6-to-1 slope; and a reduction of littoral zone plantings be reduced from 30 percent to 15 percent and complies with Saint John's River Water Management District's littoral requirements, consistent with meeting the Indian River County Code.**

**UNDER DISCUSSION**, Mr. Murphy rephrased his Motion.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Murphy to support staff's recommendation for the Committee to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to (1) direct staff to modify the slope to 6-to-1 from 10-to-1 to provide conformance to the minimum in the Comprehensive Plan; (2) the littoral plantings percentage requirement be reduced from 30 percent to 15 percent; and (3) be meeting Saint John's River Water Management District's littoral standard, it meets the County's requirement.**

**MOTION DIED FOR THE LACK OF A SECOND.**

## **New Business**

- a) Explanation of Approved Utility Rate – Vincent Burke

Mr. Vincent Burke, Director, Utilities briefed the Committee on the findings of a utility rate consultant; wherein the Board of County Commissioners approved the changes, with a public hearing approving the solution. He continued the new utility rates would go into effect March 1, 2019, taking note of the tier changes.

No action taken.

## **Other Matters**

**ON MOTION BY Vice Chairman Paladin, SECONDED by Mr. Redus, the Committee voted unanimously (9-0) to end all committee business and sunset this committee, effective immediately. No further committee meeting will be held.**

Mr. DeBaal indicated since the committee had concluded its business and sunsetted, members were no longer bound by committee sunshine law restrictions.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.