

The Marion County Land Development Regulation Commission met on February 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Growth Services Main Training Room, 2710 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, Florida.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Tillman called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kimberly Lamb called roll, and the quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were Chairman David Tillman, Richard Busche, Christopher Howson, Gene Losito and Erica Larson.

Staff members present were Chief Assistant County Attorney Dana Olesky, Assistant County Administrator Tracy Straub, Growth Services Director Chuck Varadin, Growth Services Deputy Director Ken Weyrauch, Development Review Coordinator Elizabeth Madeloni, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Couillard, Parks & Recreation Project Coordinator Susan Heyen, and Staff Assistant IV Kimberly Lamb.

Chairman David Tillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Kimberly Lamb read the Proof of Publication and advised that the meeting was properly advertised.

1. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

LDRC Board Member Chris Howson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 25, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gene Losito. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2.1 Workshop: Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments Presented by Staff. The LDRC will Review and Provide Recommendations Regarding Section 6.6.6 Open Space

Jim Couillard, Parks & Recreation Director, opened the discussion regarding this item.

LDRC Board Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language.

The Board agreed that more discussion on the language was needed and will bring the item back to the March 11, 2026 Public Hearing

2.2 Workshop: Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments Presented by Staff. The LDRC will Review and Provide Recommendations Regarding Section 6.7 Tree Protection and Replacement

Jim Couillard, Parks & Recreation Director, opened the discussion regarding this item.

LDRC Board Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language.

The Board agreed that more discussion on the language was needed and will bring the item back to the March 11, 2026 Public Hearing

2.3. Workshop: Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments Presented by Staff. The LDRC will Review and Provide Recommendations Regarding Section 6.8 Landscape

Jim Couillard, Parks & Recreation Director, opened the discussion regarding this item.

LDRC Board Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language.

The Board agreed that more discussion on the language was needed and will bring the item back to the March 11, 2026 Public Hearing

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Next LDRC Public Hearing will be March 11, 2026 at 5:30 pm located at the McPherson Auditorium

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Attest:

David Tillman, Chairman

Kimberly Lamb, Staff Assistant IV