



# Marion County

## Development Review Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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Ocala, FL 34471  
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**Monday, April 8, 2024 9:00 AM Office of the County Engineer**

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#### **Office of the County Engineer**

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#### **1. ROLL CALL**

##### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Savage Chairman (Building Safety Director)  
Ken McCann, Vice Chairman (Fire Marshal)  
Doug Hinton for Steven Cohoon (County Engineer)  
Chuck Varadin (Growth Services Director)  
Jody Kirkman (Utilities Director)

##### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Alice Webber (Planning/Zoning)  
Ken Odom (Planning/Zoning)  
Susan Heyen (Landscape/Parks)  
Michelle Hirst (911 Management)  
Alexander Turnipseed (Office of the County Engineer)  
Riley Jones (Office of the County Engineer)  
Kevin Vickers (Office of the County Engineer)  
Heather Ringo (Office of the County Engineer)  
Don Watson (Office of the County Engineer)  
Kristen Savage (Office of the County Engineer)  
Brittney Murphy (Office of the County Engineer)

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**3.1. April 1st, 2024.**

**Motion by Ken McCann to approve the minutes, seconded by Chuck Varadin**

Motion carried 5-0

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA: STAFF HAS REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

**5.1. Orange Lake RV Phase 2 - Major Site Plan**

**Project #2023070086 #30456**

**Mastroserio Engineering**

**5.2. Pointe Grand Ocala South (Revision To 28702) - Major Site Plan**

**Revision**

**Project #2002080018 #30895**

**Kimley-Horn & Associates**

**Motion by Ken McCann to approve items 5.1 through 5.2 on the consent agenda seconded by Michael Savage**

Motion carried 5-0

**6. SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**6.1. Max and Sammy's Used Cars - Waiver Request to Minor Site Plan and**

**Buffers**

**4830 NE 35TH ST**

**Project #2014020012 #31272**

**Parcel #24176-000-00 Permit #2024010605**

**New Phase Construction**

**LDC 6.8.6 - Buffers - Approved by DRC on 4/1/24**

The below item was denied by DRC on 4/1/24. Applicant requests to be reheard. A revised site plan including driveway apron dimensions has been provided.

**LDC 2.20.1.B(1) - Minor Site Plan**

CODE states A Minor Site Plan shall be submitted for review and approval prior to the issuance of a Building Permit or prior to the construction of site improvements when proposed improvements are in compliance with all of the following thresholds: (1) Collectively, all existing and proposed impervious ground coverage does not exceed 35 percent of the gross site area or 9,000 square feet, whichever is less.

APPLICANT requests waiver due to a 65-foot by 24-foot (1,560 square feet), 200 square feet of concrete, and an old storage building 40-foot by 20-foot

(800 square feet) have been removed (earlier demo permits). The building we are installing is 2,000 square feet plus 240 square feet of driveway we are installing has decreased the impervious area by 320 square feet.

**Motion by Doug Hinton to rehear, seconded by Chuck Varadin**

Motion carried 3-2 with Michael Savage and Jody Kirkman voting in opposition

**Motion by Doug Hinton to approve the waiver request, seconded by Chuck Varadin**

Motion carried 5-0

**6.2. Kaffai/McDowell Residence - Waiver Request to Major Site Plan**

**9491 SW 190TH Avenue RD    Dunnellon**

**Project #2024030042        #31327**

**Parcel #34663-000-00        Permit #2024031562 & 2024031406**

**Fagan Construction**

**Tabled from 4/1/24**

**LDC 2.21.1.A(1) - Major Site Plan**

CODE states A Major Site Plan shall be submitted for review and approval prior to the issuance of a Building Permit or prior to the construction of site improvements when proposed improvements exceed any of the following thresholds: (1) Collectively, all existing and proposed impervious ground coverage equals or exceeds 35 percent of the gross site area or 9,000 square feet.

APPLICANT requests a waiver to the major site plan for a new SFR. The site will be over the allowed 9,000 square feet per Marion County LDC but well under the 35 percent pervious vs impervious. Please see the attached engineered stormwater plan

**Motion by Ken McCann to rehear, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**Motion by Michael Savage to table until concerns are resolved with Growth Services and Stormwater Staff, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**6.3. 31 JUNIPER PASS - Standalone Waiver Request**

**Project #2024010080        #31107**

**Parcel #9025-0636-17        Permit #2023122614**

**Aldana Contracting**

**Denied 2/12/24 - This is a request to be reheard**

**LDC 4.2.11.D - Multiple-Family Dwelling (R-3) classification**

CODE states Development Standards: Maximum Density: 4 du/acre for Single-family, 6 du/acre for two-family, 8 du/acre for Multiple-family, 8-16 du/acre High-Urban Density (Vested or underlying land use designation, unless qualifies for the density exceptions provisions in Section 4.3.2.)  
Minimum Lot Area: 7,500 square feet Single-family, 12,500/7,700 square feet

Two-family, 12,500/7,700 square feet 3 or more family. Minimum Lot Width: 85/70\* feet Single-family, 100/70\* feet Two-family, 100/70\* feet 3 or more family. Maximum Building Height: 40 feet. Maximum Floor Ratio: None. APPLICANT states Marion County LDC requires 100 feet of road frontage to construct a multi-family dwelling on a parcel zoned R3. We are requesting a waiver to be allowed to construct a duplex on PID 9025-0636-17, which is zoned R3 but has only 90 feet of road frontage.

**Motion by Chuck Varadin to rehear, seconded by Michael Savage**

Motion carried 5-0

**Motion by Chuck Varadin to approve the waiver request with staff's discussions, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**6.4. Self Storage - Ocala - Waiver Request to Major Site Plan in Review**

**Project #2023050138      #30953      Parcel #29697-020-00  
Bohler Engineering FL**

**LDC 6.4.3.H - Preliminary Plat requirements - Approved on 3/25/24**

**LDC 6.11.8.B(1) - Parking requirements - Approved on 3/25/24**

**Denied 3/25/24- This is a request to be reheard**

**LDC 6.8.6.K(2) - Buffers**

CODE states B-Type buffer shall consist of a 20-foot wide landscape strip with a buffer wall. The buffer shall contain at least two shade trees and three accent/ornamental trees for every 100 lineal feet or fractional part thereof. Shrubs and groundcovers, excluding turfgrass, shall comprise at least 50 percent of the required buffer.

APPLICANT requesting a waiver to not provide a screening wall along the Type B buffer along the western property boundary. Our justification is that there is already a 6' wood fence along the length of the property boundary, our proposed building will not have any windows or doors along the western property boundary and a combination of proposed and existing landscaping will be used to screen the site along the western property boundary.

**Motion by Michael Savage to reaffirm the previous motion of denial, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**6.5. City of Belleview Utilities Water and Sewer Connection Waiver - Waiver**

**Request to Water and Wastewater Connection**

**9830 SE 36TH AVE      Belleview**

**Project #2024030076      #31346      Parcel #3682-009-001**

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**LDC 6.14.2.B(1)(A) - Connection Requirements & 6.14.2.B(2)(A)1 -**

**Connection Requirements**

CODE states new single family residential in the Urban or Rural area shall connect to a centralized water system with available capacity if a water line is within a connection distance of 400 feet.

CODE states new single family residential in the Urban or Rural area shall connect to a central sewer system if a sewer line from a central sewer system with available capacity is within a connection distance of 400 feet and connection may be made to the existing sewer line using a gravity line or an on-site pumping station.

APPLICANT requests a waiver as permittee has a Mobile Home on site mid 1980s that burned in the early 2000s and is now permitting for a new SFR. The new home will be able to use the existing well and septic that are on site. Estimate cost to run on site water and sewer lines are approximately \$20k plus City of Belleview utilities connection fees. The site plan was approved with a well and septic. the owner did not know connection was required until the finals were ready to be called in.

**Motion by Jody Kirkman to approve the waiver request for water to use existing well on site, seconded by Ken McCann**

Motion carried 5-0

**Motion by Jody Kirkman to approve a nitrogen reducing septic system in lieu of connecting to the City, seconded by Ken McCann**

Motion carried 5-0

**6.6. 3845 SE HWY 42 - Waiver Request to Major Site Plan**

**3845 SE HWY 42 Summerfield  
Project #2024030077 #31347 Parcel #44755-012-00  
David Lewis**

**LDC 2.21.1.A(1) - Major Site Plan**

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APPLICANT requests a waiver as the max impervious is 9,000 square feet. Currently there is 12,599 square feet of impervious material on the parcel.

**Motion by Doug Hinton to approve conditionally subject to 1. The applicant providing controls for the additional run-off in excess of the 100-year 24hr storm 2. A permit inspection hold will be in effect until a sketch of the improvements is provided and approved by stormwater department 3. A final hold will be in effect until staff conducts a final inspection verifying construction has occurred and disturbed areas have vegetative cover established at time of final inspection and (b) the applicant must provide a final sketch, noting the horizontal extents and volume capacity of the stormwater controls, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**6.7. Major Site Plan for Hwy 200 Storage Facility - Waiver Request to Major Site Plan in Review**  
**Project #2023110100 #30898 Parcel #3501-100-013, 3501-100-007, 3501-700-301 Abshier Engineering**

**LDC 6.13.7.B(1) - Geotechnical Criteria**

CODE states B. Minimum requirements. (1) Depth. Soil test borings shall be performed to a minimum depth of 10 feet below the proposed finished grade of the bottom of all retention/detention areas or the permanent pool elevation and once the data has been obtained the hole shall be backfilled and compacted.

APPLICANT requests waiver because the site is in candler soils. The borings were taken in an area the Geotech company thought was the lowest point of the pond area. It is very overgrown and missed the location a few feet. The pond is providing 1.33 feet of freeboard.

**Motion by Jody Kirkman to approve the waiver as requested, seconded by Michael Savage**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.13.6.A(3)(c) - Stormwater Quality Criteria**

CODE states Dry retention systems that have a depth of six feet or less, measured from top of bank to pond bottom, with side slopes that are no steeper than 4:1 and sodded bottoms.

APPLICANT requests waiver because the pond is shown to be 7 feet deep. It is only holding 5.67 feet of stormwater. The extra freeboard was used because the DRA has no discharge. Also, bottom of the DRA is only 1 foot below the existing low point in the area of the pond.

**Motion by Doug Hinton to approve the waiver request subject to raising the pond bottom by six inches, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.12.12.D - Sidewalks**

CODE states at the discretion of the Development Review Committee, in lieu of construction along external streets, the developer may pay a sidewalk fee to the County in an amount necessary to complete construction. This amount shall be determined by the project engineer and approved by the County with payment required prior to final plan approval. The County may use these funds toward the construction of sidewalks throughout the County based on priorities established by the Board.

APPLICANT requests waiver because the owner requests to pay into the sidewalk fund in lieu of constructing sidewalks. Fee to be paid prior to final inspections.

**Motion by Michael Savage to approve the waiver request subject to pay the fee in lieu of prior to final inspection, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.8.6.K(2) - Buffers**

CODE states B-Type buffer shall consist of a 20-foot wide landscape strip with a buffer wall. The buffer shall contain at least two shade trees and three accent/ornamental trees for every 100 lineal feet or fractional part thereof. Shrubs and groundcovers, excluding turfgrass, shall comprise at least 50 percent of the required buffer.

APPLICANT requests waiver for the east buffer because the owner requests no wall be required. There is already an existing wall 8-10 feet tall. We have worked with staff to provide a palm tree and clumping bamboo buffer that will provide a better buffer than what code required. Staff was concerned that there was not room for large trees. The owner is requesting some credit towards his tress fund payment.

**Motion by Chuck Varadin to approve subject to staff's discussions, seconded by Michael Savage**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.8.6.I - Buffers**

CODE states Arrangement of plantings in buffers shall provide maximum protection to adjacent properties, avoid damage to existing trees and plant material, and take mature growing sizes into consideration regarding shade, root damage, and interference with nearby utilities.

APPLICANT requests waiver for the north buffer because existing power lines prevent trees in this area. Request only understory trees be used.

**Motion by Michael Savage to approve the waiver as requested, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.8.6.K(3) - Buffers**

CODE states C-Type buffer shall consist of a 15-foot wide landscape strip without a buffer wall. The buffer shall contain at least two shade trees and three accent/ornamental trees for every 100 lineal feet or fractional part thereof. Shrubs and groundcovers, excluding turfgrass, shall comprise at least 50 percent of the required buffer and form a layered landscape screen with a minimum height of three feet achieved within one year.

APPLICANT requests waiver for the DRA because the DRA is up against the C-Type roadside buffer. No large trees can be planted because of power lines. C-Type buffer provides sufficient screening.

**Motion by Michael Savage to approve the waiver as requested, seconded by Ken McCann**

Motion carried 5-0

**Motion by Ken McCann to acknowledge remaining comments and resubmittal within 10 business days, seconded by Michael Savage**

Motion carried 5-0

**6.8. Minor Site Plan for Dan Wilson - Waiver Request to Minor Site Plan in Review**

**Project # 2023110014      #30825      Parcel #12869-000-00  
Abshier Engineering**

**LDC 2.20.1.A - Major Site Plan**

CODE states when any of the Minor Site Plan thresholds are exceeded, a Major Site Plan is required.

APPLICANT requests waiver as site barely exceeds threshold. Owner will contain excess runoff on site.

**Motion by Michael Savage to approve the waiver request conditionally subject to 1. The applicant providing controls for the additional run-off in excess of the 100-year 24hr storm 2. A permit inspection hold will be in effect until a sketch of the improvements is provided and approved by stormwater department 3. A final hold will be in effect until staff conducts a final inspection verifying construction has occurred and disturbed areas have vegetative cover established at time of final inspection and (b) the applicant must provide a final sketch, noting the horizontal extents and volume capacity of the stormwater controls, seconded by Ken McCann**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.12.2.A - Right-of-way**

CODE states right-of-way shall be platted or dedicated, meeting the minimum right-of-way width established in Table 6.12-1, to provide for the necessary access and other needed infrastructure improvements supporting the proposed development. Right-of-way can be provided by easement if approved by DRC.

APPLICANT requests waiver as County requesting r-o-w dedication. If r-o-w is needed in the future is can be purchased.

**Motion by Doug Hinton to approve the waiver not to pursue right of way easement, seconded by Michael Savage**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.12.12.D - Sidewalks**

CODE states at the discretion of the Development Review Committee, in lieu of construction along external streets, the developer may pay a sidewalk fee to the County in an amount necessary to complete construction. This amount shall be determined by the project engineer and approved by the County with payment required prior to final plan approval. The County may use these funds toward the construction of sidewalks throughout the County based on priorities established by the Board.

APPLICANT requests waiver as the owner request to pay into the sidewalk fund in lieu of constructing sidewalks. Fee to be paid prior to final inspections.

**Motion by Doug Hinton to approve the waiver as requested subject to paying the fee in lieu of prior to final inspection, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.11.4.B(1) - Cross Access**

CODE states cross access is required to reduce the use of the public street system, provide for movement between adjacent and complementary land uses, limit access to Arterial and Collector roads, and minimize full median openings. Cross access shall be shown on the plans and shall be established through a public easement.

APPLICANT requests waiver as the adjacent parcel has access to both NW Gainesville Rd and NW 89th Place. Internal access can be provided to both Streets.

**Motion by Doug Hinton to approve the waiver as requested, subject to the cross-access easement covenant being recorded and placed on file with paving of the cross-access being deferred until it is needed in the future, as well as the construction of a DRA for the added impervious due to paving of the cross-access, seconded by Jody Kirkman**

Motion carried 5-0

**LDC 6.11.5.A - Driveway Access**

CODE states driveways provide the physical transition between a site and the abutting roadway. Driveways should be located and designed to minimize impacts on traffic while providing safe entry and exit from the development served. The location and design of the connection must take in to account characteristics of the roadway, the site, and the potential users.

APPLICANT requests waiver as driveway doesn't meet spacing requirements. Drive way can't be moved further west due to existing water well.

**Motion by Doug Hinton to approve the waiver as requested, subject to removing the driveway and using the cross-access easement should it ever become paved, seconded by Chuck Varadin**

Motion carried 5-0

**7. CONCEPTUAL REVIEW ITEMS:**

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Chuck stated on the DRC meeting for 04/22/2024 growth services staff may be short handed in the meeting as they have another County meeting to attend.

**9. OTHER ITEMS: None**

**Motion by Chuck Varadin to adjourn, seconded by Doug Hinton**

Motion carried 3-2 with Jody Kirkman and Michael Savage voting in opposition

**10. ADJOURN:**

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Michael Savage, Chairman

Attest:

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Kristen Savage  
OCE Customer Service Specialist

