

The Marion County Land Development Regulation Commission met on August 6, 2025, 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 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rebecca Brinkley called roll, and the quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were Chairman David Tillman, Robert Stepp, and Richard Busche. Linda Blackburn, Assistant County Attorney, attended the meeting and participated as a Board Member to ensure a quorum.

Chairman David Tillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff members present were Assistant County Attorney Dana Olesky, Assistant County Attorney Linda Blackburn, Growth Services Director Chuck Varadin, Growth Services Deputy Director Ken Weyrauch, Planner Erik Kramer, Planner Sarah Wells, Development Review Coordinator Elizabeth Madeloni, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Couillard, Project Assistant & Certified Arborist Susan Heyen, and Staff Assistant Rebecca Brinkley.

There were no members of the public present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Rebecca Brinkley read the Proof of Publication and advised that the meeting was properly advertised.

1. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

Richard Busche made a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 16, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Stepp. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2.1 Presentation and Consideration of Revisions to the Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Article 1 Administration, Division 2 - Definitions

Dana Olesky, Assistant County Attorney, opened the discussion regarding this item.

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

These updates will finalize the board's recommendations, and this item will be moved to a public hearing. Public Hearing date to be set. Robert Stepp made a motion to adopt changes and to proceed to public hearing. Motion was seconded by Richard Busche. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

2.2 Presentation and Consideration of Revisions to the Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Article 2, Division 4 Section 2.4.4 Completion and Close Out

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2.3 Presentation and Consideration of Revisions to the Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Article 2, Division 7 Section 2.7.1 Applicability

Dana Olesky, Assistant County Attorney, opened the discussion regarding this item.

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

These updates will finalize the board's recommendations, and this item will be moved to a public hearing. Public Hearing date to be set. Robert Stepp made a motion to adopt changes and to proceed to public hearing. Motion was seconded by Richard Busche. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

2.4 Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments to Review and Update Article 1, Division 2 Definitions

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

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

Jim Couillard noted items that need to be followed up on. The Board agreed that more discussion on the language was needed. Mr. Couillard will make edits to the verbiage and bring the item back to a future workshop.

2.5 Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments to Review and Update Article 6, Division 7 Tree Protection and Replacement

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

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

Jim Couillard noted items that need to be followed up on. The Board agreed that more discussion on the language was needed. Mr. Couillard will make edits to the verbiage and bring the item back to a future workshop.

3. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Attest:

David Tillman, Chairman

Rebecca Brinkley, Staff Assistant IV