
GO SOLAR - FLORIDA
PLANNING AND ZONING TEAM
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 05/01/2014

Meeting Location: Government Center West

Recorded By: Yvonne Campbell

ATTENDANCE

Cathy Randazzo – Facilitator, Yvonne Campbell, Heather Cunniff, Michael Huneke

ONLINE ATTENDEES: *Holly Banner, Dr. Dianna Mitsova, Nancy Rubin, Debra Zampetti*

JURISDICTIONS REPRESENTED

Alachua County, Broward County, Florida Atlantic University, St. Lucie County

MEETING LOCATION

Building: Government Center West
Conference Room: Sabal Palm Room
Conference Line: (954) 357-5482

MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 2:30 pm
Meeting Actual Start: 2:30 pm
Meeting Transcriber: Yvonne Campbell

AGENDA

- **Introduction of members**
- **Meeting Minutes**
 - There were no changes to the Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2014.
- **Purpose of the Meeting**
 - Obtain timelines from partners regarding adoption of Model Zoning Ordinance and Code Amendments.
 - Obtain input regarding the existing best management practices document.
- **Model Zoning Ordinance**
 - Holly Banner reported that Alachua approved the interlocal agreement with Broward County on April 22, 2014. She further reported that the zoning ordinance will be addressed at a single hearing by July 2014.
 - Cathy Randazzo informed the group that the City of Cooper City and the City of Margate had their respective interlocal agreements and zoning amendments approved. She further reported that the City of Wilton Manors had an interlocal agreement approved.
 - Michael Huneke reported that at the partners' meeting which he attended recently, the vision of Go SOLAR Florida was discussed. A draft was created to show how the permitting and application process would work. In addition, a timeline of working with FSEC regarding the electrical and structural drawings and how they fit into the application process was prepared. The draft was sent out for review.
- **Planning and Zoning Best Management Practices**
 - Cathy requested input regarding additions and changes to the existing best management practices document. In addition, the input received at the last meeting from Alachua County and from FSEC was acknowledged and shared with the Team members. A commitment was made to have a draft sent out showing the changes made and updated partner information within the next four to six weeks.
 - Alachua County suggested that the a section of the most recent National APA Report called *Planning for Solar Energy* should be included. The report included appendices which could be useful in developing the model ordinance. Specific reference was made to Appendix A, entitled, *Solar Friendly Planning Systems Audit for Local*

Government which lists several model ordinances to review to determine if there is anything to include in the model zoning ordinance. Appendix D, entitled *Model Solar Development Framework*, and Appendix E, entitled, *Model Solar Development Ordinances* which links to different model ordinances around the country, a

- re also useful.
- **Next steps**
 - Cathy requested that Team members continue to send in informative material.
 - Dr. Mitsova was asked if she had the opportunity to look at the agreements from Cooper City and Margate. In reference to the City of Margate, Dr. Mitsova stated that she would follow up on the five-foot height requirement since it was missing from the matrix. Cathy stated that she will verify with Margate staff to determine if the height requirement was included in the zoning code which would explain the omission in the matrix.

MEETING END

Meeting Schedule End: 4:00 pm

Meeting Actual End: 3:15 pm

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Location: Government Center West, Sabal Palm Room

Date: June 5, 2014 - Time: 2:30 pm