



Alachua County *Department of Growth Management*

Communications

Jeff Hays, AICP, Director

The Alachua County Development Review Committee (DRC) held a public hearing on March 20, 2025, at 1:30 pm. The meeting was held in the Jack Durrance Auditorium, Second Floor, Alachua County Administration Building, 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, Florida.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ivy Bell, Chair, Growth Management Department
Brett Strickland, Environmental Protection Department
Jeffrey Hodges, Public Works Department

STAFF PRESENT:

Corbin Hanson, Senior Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (joined virtually)
Christine Berish, Development Review Manager, Growth Management Department
Kendra Gernaey, Planning Assistant, Growth Management Department
Jacob Stout, Planner, Growth Management Department
Jessica Hong, Senior Planner, Environmental Protection Department
Summer Waters, Senior Planner, Environmental Protection Department
Andrew Coniglio, Senior Forester, Growth Management
Jessica Klutz, Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning
Lalit Lalwani, Civil Engineer III, Public Works Department

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm by the Chair

STATEMENT READ BY THE CHAIR:

The following statement was read into the record by Ivy Bell, "Welcome to the March 20, 2025, meeting of the Alachua County Development Review Committee, which is now called to order. The purpose of this Committee is to approve, approve with conditions, or deny proposed development in Alachua County in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and the Unified Land Development Code requirements. The DRC is governed in accordance with its Rules of Procedure adopted on February 8, 2022, by Resolution 2022-20. The Committee was established by Ordinance 05-10, known as the "Alachua County Unified Land Development Code".

The DRC has no authority to change zoning of property or to change any existing ordinances or regulations. Approval of zoning or amendments to ordinances can only be done by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners. The DRC members are not directly involved with the detailed review of the DRC development applications. The DRC shall take final action on all items specified in the Unified Land Development Code and specifically Section 401.17, and if further action is required by the Board of County Commissioners, then the date and time of such meeting will be provided to you.

Appeals of all development orders and other applications included in the Unified Land Development Code shall be by petition for writ of certiorari filed in the Circuit Court for Alachua County within 30 days of the date of the final development decision, except as otherwise provided in Florida Statute.

When we call the item represented on the agenda, staff will provide the staff report, then the applicant will come forward and make their presentation, followed by public comments. All persons wishing to participate and speak on an issue at the DRC meeting have the right, through the Chair, to ask questions, seek clarification of comments made and to respond to the comments or presentations of staff or other speakers; or refute or respond to any ex-parte communication. All persons who present written materials

to the DRC for consideration must ensure that a copy of those materials is provided to the Clerk for inclusion in the Committee's record of proceedings and official minutes.

For individuals or entities that have properly requested to participate in a quasi-judicial public hearing as a party, we will review the requests before each quasi-judicial item is called. The County Attorney's Office will make a recommendation to the DRC regarding who should be granted party status and the DRC will consider the information provided and make a final determination as to party status for each individual or entity. Generally, a party is an individual or entity that is more directly or more substantially affected by the decision today than the member of the public at large.

Will the County Attorney please poll the Committee to declare any ex-parte communications?"

EX PARTE DISCLOSURE

The following question was read into the record by Corbin Hanson: "Has any member of the board received any written or oral communication regarding any of the items on the Development Review Committee agenda today?". There were none declared.

PARTY STATEMENT

Corbin Hanson read the party statement into the record.

Ivy Bell asked the Clerk to swear in all persons wishing to speak at today's hearing.

SWEARING IN

Kendra Gernaey asked all persons planning to speak to stand and raise their right hand. The Clerk asked those standing, "Do you swear or affirm that the evidence or testimony you will be providing today is the truth to the best of your knowledge and belief?"

All standing responded, "I do" and the Clerk stated, "Please be seated".

Ivy Bell asked staff to begin their presentation.

1. Project DR24-000061

Revised Final Development Plan for **Fletcher Center East Revised** to revise a previously approved development plan to construct a mixture of non-residential uses that includes 6,000 sq ft of retail space and a 3,450 sq ft car wash with 400 sq ft storage building with associated parking, stormwater management facilities, and utility infrastructure on approximately 12.51 acres. Located on Tax Parcel Numbers 04344-003-000, 04344-009-000, and 04345-011-000 along the 100 through 300 blocks west of Southwest 138th Terrace and south of State Road 26/Newberry Road with CHW, Inc. as agents. Commercial & Office Future Land Use Designations; Administrative and Professional (AP), Highway Oriented Business (BH) & Business, Retail Sales, and Services (BR) Zoning Districts.

Staff presentation by Jacob Stout. It was stated that staff finds the proposal consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Land Development Code and staff recommends that the DRC approve the Revised Final Development Plan for **Fletcher Center East Revised** with the following conditions:

1. Prior to the issuance of the Construction Permit:
 - a. Prior to issuance of Construction Permit, pay tree mitigation fee of \$126,555 to Alachua County Parks and Conservation Lands, via the Growth Management Department, or provide revised plan demonstrating compliance with tree mitigation requirements.
 - b. Gopher Tortoise burrow(s) were located on and/or near the subject property. The property owner/applicant shall follow all Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) guidelines and obtain any required state permits regarding

Gopher Tortoise protection, prior to clearing vegetation, grading or filling the site [Chapter 406.05 & 406.28, ULDC]. Copies of FWC issued permits are required to be provided to the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department in advance of receiving authorizations for land alterations.

- c. Landscaping required with the completion of Phase 1 will require installation prior to issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy (CO's) or Final Inspection of any building in Phases 2-6. Landscaping within Phase's 2-6 can be tied to those individual building CO's as the phases are completed.
- d. The applicant must update the civil plans to identify the following, prior to issuance of construction permit:
 1. Add a note to 'Swale Notes' on Sheet C2.11 that soil selected must be low in phosphorus content and/or high in phosphorus sorption capacity.
 2. Add a delineation of mow/no-mow areas for SMF and swale on the plan as described in the maintenance notes.

There were no questions for staff.

Agent/Applicant, Daniel Young with CHW, inc. was present and available for questions. There were no questions for the applicant.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Jeffrey Hodges moved to **approve with conditions**.

Motion was **seconded** by Brett Strickland.

Ivy Bell called for a vote and the committee took the following action: **Approved, with conditions**, the Revised Final Development Plan for Fletcher Center East Revised with a 3-0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approval requested of the minutes for the February 20th, 2025 DRC Hearing.

Jeffrey Hodges moved to **approve**.

Motion was **seconded** by Brett Strickland.

Ivy Bell called for a vote and the committee took the following action: **Approved** the minutes for the February 20th, 2025 DRC hearing with a 3-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM by the Chair