



Alachua County *Department of Growth Management*

Communications

Jeff Hays, AICP, Director

The Alachua County Development Review Committee (DRC) held a public hearing on June 18, 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
Leslie McLendon, Senior Planner, Growth Management Department
Jacob Stout, Planner, Growth Management Department
Kendra Gernaey, Planning Assistant, Growth Management Department
Jessica Hong, 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 June 18, 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 July 9th, 2024, by Resolution 2024-53. 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 DR25-000018

Flood Plain Development Permit for **Ariet Dock** to construct a 753 sf dock and boat slip on approximately 9.41 acres. Located on Tax Parcel Number 18535-000-000 at 9817 NE County Rd 1469 with Worley Construction & Association Inc. as agents. Rural Cluster Future Land Use; Agricultural (A) Zoning District.

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 Flood Plain Development Permit for **Ariet Dock** and with the following conditions:

1. Any required FDEP permit or letter of consent shall be obtained and a copy provided to ACEPD prior to commencement of dock construction [§406.05, ULDC; §404.108(b), ULDC].
2. Aquatic vegetation removal is prohibited without prior authorization by the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department [Article VI, Chapter 406, ULDC].

There were no questions for staff.

Agent/Applicant, Letcher Worley with Worley Construction & Association 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**.

Motion was **seconded** by Brett Strickland.

Ivy Bell called for a vote and the committee took the following action: **Approved** the Flood Plain Development Permit for Ariet Dock with a 3-0 vote.

2. **Project DR25-000014**

Request for Variance and Replat for **Willow Oak Plantation Lot 215** to reduce the north setback from 5 feet to 3.5 feet for an existing building encroachment on approximately 0.15 acres. Located on Tax Parcel Number 07098-001-215 at 7655 SW 88th Dr with eda, inc. as agents. Low Density (1-4du/acre) Future Land Use; Residential Single Family (R-1B) Zoning District.

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 Request for Variance and Replat for **Willow Oak Plantation Lot 215**.

There was one question for staff.

Jeffrey Hodges: When was the home built?

Jacob Stout: Not sure exactly, but after 2006.

Stephanie Sutton: The home was built in 2009. Bought in construction and couldn't be addressed then. This is essentially a cleanup job from then.

Agent/Applicant, Stephanie Sutton with eda, 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**.

Motion was **seconded** by Brett Strickland.

Ivy Bell called for a vote and the committee took the following action: **Approved** the Request for Variance and Replat for Willow Oak Plantation Lot 215 with a 3-0 vote.

3. **Project DR25-000005**

Preliminary Development Plan for **Steeplechase Town Center** to construct a +/- 24,000 sq. ft. retail shopping center on acres located within the Jonesville Activity Center Planning Zone on 3.19 acres. Located on Tax Parcel Number 04344-001-000 at 14217 W Newberry Road with Tom Yonge, PE as agents. Commercial Future Land Use; Highway Oriented Business (BH) and 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 Preliminary Development Plan for **Steeplechase Town Center**.

There were no questions for staff.

Agent/Applicant, Tom Yonge with Tom Yonge, PE 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 Preliminary Development Plan for Steeplechase Town Center with a 3-0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approval requested of the minutes for the May 15th, 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 May 15th, 2025 DRC hearing with a 3-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM by the Chair