

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Luis, and Councilmembers Caletka and Starkey. Councilmember Crowley was absent. Also present were Town Administrator Shimun, Town Attorney Rayson, and Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel recording the meeting. Councilmember Crowley was absent.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Caletka, to excuse Councilmember Crowley. In a voice vote, with Councilmember Crowley absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 4-0)

Peter DeWick, Landscape Architect, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Flamingo Road landscape concept with two alternative entry/identity features. He explained they had divided the area into four sections, each with a different character. Mr. DeWick described the different sections, and stated that the medians were relatively narrow and widened at the major intersections. Mr. DeWick informed Council that the major roadway restrictions were clear zone recovery areas and clear sight areas, in which plantings were severely restricted.

For Section 1, which had narrow swales on both sides, Mr. DeWick recommended hedges to screen the guardrail, and canopy and flowering trees. He added that there was a cattle fence on the other side.

Mr. DeWick explained that Section 2 had sufficient space to plant clusters of trees on one side. The other side had a guardrail, and like Section 1 could be planted with a hedge, canopy trees and flowering trees.

Mr. DeWick stated that Section 3 was similar to Section 1, with narrow swales. Section 4 had wider swales on the east side but was restricted by overhead power lines. The west side had a wider swale and a guardrail.

For Section 1, Mr. DeWick proposed replacing the cattle fence with a 2-rail fence, and planting Live Oaks and conifers in the narrow swale. On the west side, Mr. DeWick proposed Crape Myrtle and Live Oak trees with Podocarpus or Red Cedar groupings. He recommended Live Oak and Sabal Palms for the median.

For Section 2, Mr. DeWick proposed extending the rail fence, planting clusters of Slash Pine and Bald Cypress, with the occasional large specimen flowering tree. On the east side, he recommended Slash Pine with clusters of Bald Cypress.

For Section 3, Mr. DeWick proposed planting Podocarpus and Live Oak and continuing the fence.

For Section 4, Mr. DeWick proposed planting Bald Cypress and clusters of Red Cedar with the occasional flowering tree and continuing the fence. On the other side, he recommended screening the guardrail with a hedge and a line of Live Oaks.

Mr. DeWick described an alternative entry feature, which included a farm-style sign and the two-rail fence set in a bed of holly. The first alternative for an identity feature was a wellhead, which he described as "very rustic." Mr. DeWick displayed examples of several wellheads.

Councilmember Starkey did not like the wellhead for the entry/identity feature. She favored using a stacked stone feature with the Town's logo. Councilmember Caletka did not like the wellheads either, and said he would prefer "something all natural" such as ornamental trees. Mr. DeWick explained that planting shrubs against the guardrail would not present a maintenance issue.

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Vice-Mayor Luis liked the landscaping ideas, but wanted to see additional entry/identity features.

Planning & Zoning Manager David Quigley explained that Council’s input would be used to create a “palette” of designs they could use in the future. He agreed that staff would explore additional sign designs.

Councilmember Starkey had provided a rendering to staff depicting a stacked stone wall with the Town’s logo that had a “warm, earthy, natural look...” She liked the landscape concepts and the white fencing.

Mayor Truex appreciated that Mr. DeWick’s designs would help reduce the costs of maintenance. He felt they should utilize entry/identity signs, made of some durable, low-maintenance material.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk