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June 19, 2012

Steve Lachnicht, AICP  
Director  
Alachua County Growth Management Department  
10 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601

**RE: Melrose Rural Cluster Sub Area Plan**

Mr. Lachnicht:

Pursuant to recent discussions with County staff and on behalf of the Painter family, we respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners initiate a Sub Area Study and Sub Area Plan for the Melrose Rural Cluster pursuant to Policies 6.4.2 and 6.4.5 of the Future Land Use Element of the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan. As you are aware, the Painter family owns approximately 28 acres of property in the Melrose area and is potentially interested in creating a new residential subdivision. The report titled, "Melrose Rural Cluster Sub Area Plan Preliminary Report," prepared by Eng Denman and Associates dated June 4, 2012, provides background information in connection with this request.

As we discussed, this planning process would be a combined effort led by county staff with significant support services provided by our office. In addition, it is our understanding that County staff recommends that Chapter 402 Article 16 of the Alachua County Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) be utilized to outline a general process to accomplish this planning process. According to Ch. 402 of the ULDC, the first step in that process is to determine a Scope of Work which must be approved by the County Commission at a public hearing.

Based on our understanding of the required Sub Area Plan process, we respectfully request that this issue be placed on the Board of County Commissioners agenda for July 10, 2012, and for the Commission to authorize advertisement of a public hearing to consider a scope of work for this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Clay Sweger', is written over the typed name.

Clay Sweger, AICP, LEED AP  
Vice President of Planning

Attachments

Cc: Jim Painter