## LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING

WINDHAM DEVELOPMENT, INC.,

Petitioner

v.

CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA,

Respondent.

## **BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

The Parties met in two mediation sessions to explore possible solutions to the contested issues arising from the denial of rezoning Petition 17-16 RZ for a development of 105 single-family homes. The mediation sessions were attended by the Petitioner, representatives of the City, and property owners within the Sawgrass development and owners of Fox Lea Farm.

At the conclusion of the second mediation session, it was agreed that progress had been made and the Parties have agreed upon the final proposed terms of the following four documents associated with Petition 17-16 RZ (collectively, the "Rezoning Documents").

- 1. Narrative Master Plan
- 2. Developer's Agreement
- 3. Binding Master Concept Plan
- 4. Landscape Plan

## **CONCLUSION**

Pursuant to Section 70.51, Florida Statutes, the first responsibility of the Special Magistrate is to facilitate the resolution of matters in disagreement. To that end, the mediation sessions were

informal in nature and directed towards both a full and complete discussion of the issues and identification of mutually acceptable terms and solutions, resulting in the final proposed Rezoning Documents to be presented to the City Commission for consideration.

This matter has been addressed through mediation and this process closed.

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Special Magistrate

Dated: June 20, 2019