



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, February 6, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Lafler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Vice Chair Holland, Board Member Hall, Board Member Therrien, Chair Lafler,
Board Member Robinson and Board Member English

Absent 1 - Board Member Rodriguez

Also Present

Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jianelli, Environmental Technician Jeremy Rogus and
Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lafler.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-0218](#) Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member Therrien, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

6. New Business

- A. [23-0176](#) Advisory Board Training (City Clerk's Department)

Chair Lafler introduced the item.

Ms. Jianelli provided training including Knowing Your Advisory Board's Powers and Duties as Outlined in the City Code, Fundamental Principals, Board Member Responsibilities, Do's and Don'ts, and Meeting Procedures.

- B. [23-0249](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Draft of the Unified Land Development Code Chapter 1 - General Provisions Relating to the Adoption of the ULDC, Zoning Districts and the Official Zoning Map,

Concurrency Management, and Transfer of Development Rights.

Chair Lafler introduced the item.

Public Comment

Allain Hale: the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) and the Board's recommendations to the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding Board input in the future Commission Tree Fund Workshop, green signs posted for land clearing, Tree Protection Chapter being approved, adopted fee schedule for tree removal, the Conservation Officer, refuse dumping, and a review of the Board's original recommendation list to the Commission.

A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member English, to direct Mr. Rogus to provide a list of Proposed Goals form Board Members that were previously sent to the Commission, to review what else has been approved regarding tree protection. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Discussion ensued regarding revisions to the Board's pesticide memo.

A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Board Member Hall, to accept the revisions to the pesticides memo and combine it with the bee pollination stations recommendations. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

7. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include Agenda Nos. 22-3262, 22-3581, 22-3597, and 22-3754 from last month's agenda, an update regarding Board recommendations to the Commission, to invite a representative from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to provide an overview of their board, future discussion regarding making retention ponds beneficial to wildlife, a discussion regarding an I-75 wildlife corridor, learning what pesticides Sarasota County uses when spraying for mosquitoes, revisiting green permit signs for land clearing, discussion regarding a community garden, Board Members to bring three goals next meeting to review with the previous goals sent to Commission, invite the Conservation Officer to attend a Board meeting, and finalize the Board's Annual Report to the Commission.

A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Board Member English, to direct Board Member Hall to compose a memo requesting when the Commission Tree Fund Workshop is scheduled, adding the Board's list of recommendations, and with the goal to coincide with Earth Day. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

8. Public Comment

Allain Hale: Gopher tortoises.

9. Adjournment

Chair Lafler adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Jackie Lafler, Chair

Minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 2023.