



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, March 6, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Lafler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chair Lafler, Vice Chair Holland, Board Member English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Therrien, Board Member Rodriguez and Board Member Robinson

Also Present

Environmental Technician Jeremy Rogus and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Therrien.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-0326](#) Approve Minutes for the February 6, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member English, seconded by Vice Chair Holland, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Presentation

- A. [23-0461](#) An Overview of the City's Conservation Officer's Duties (Tony Donohew)

Chair Lafler introduced the item.

Officer Donohew presented an overview including purchase of Orange Hammock Ranch, hunting/camping/dumping issues, process of adding a new position, training, duties and parameters, officer responses vs Code Enforcement responses, certifications, State resources, trail cam usage, Commission support, and emails for Tony Donohew and Dominick Caravella.

7. New Business

- A. [23-0428](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Environmental Advisory Board Recommendations for the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) Chapter 11 Dated June 7, 2021
- Chair Lafler introduced the item.
- Discussion ensued regarding navigating the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), tree protection section, and Board suggestions being incorporated.
- Public Comment
Allain Hale: a presentation by Jennifer Krajcir and uses of tree fund money.
- B. [23-0466](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Finalizing the Board's Annual Report to the Commission.
- Chair Lafler introduced the item.
- Discussion ensued regarding independent review of waivers, addressing recommendations at the Commission Workshop, bee pollinator garden project, pesticides used in Sarasota County, tree canopy software, and highlights of today's Commission Workshop.
- Public Comment
Allain Hale: assigning Board Members to "chair" an environmental task, clarification on the pollinator gardens, and a bee station located in the Myakka State Forrest.

8. Updates

- A. [23-0460](#) Inviting a representative from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to provide an overview of their board. (Jeremy Rogus)
- Chair Lafler introduced the item.
- Mr. Rogus received no response from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- B. [22-3262](#) Recommendation to the City Commission Regarding Potential Uses of Tree Fund Monies (Jeremy Rogus)
- Chair Lafler introduced the item.
- Board Member Hall read the request into the record concerning rescheduling a Commission Tree Workshop.
- A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Vice Chair Holland, to send the Board's memo request to the Commission through the City Manager. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***
- C. [22-3581](#) Draft of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) 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.

Discussion ensued regarding the original discussion of the item, Board Members to read the chapter during the month, and inviting someone from Planning and Zoning to present an overview to the Board.

A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Board Member English, to invite a member of the Planning and Zoning Department to a Board meeting to review Chapter 1 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

D. [22-3597](#)

Commission Response to the Environmental Advisory Board's Formal Request to be Included in the Review of Requests for Waivers to Open Space and Park Requirements Contained in Section 37-14 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) (Jeremy Rogus)

Chair Lafler introduced the item, spoke to no waivers coming through the pipeline for this month, and no formal response was received pertaining to the Board's request regarding waivers.

E. [22-3754](#)

Recommended Uses for the Tree Fund Monies (Jeremy Rogus)

Chair Lafler introduced the item.

There was a consensus to continue Item No. 22-3754 to the next meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items included Item No. 22-3754, to send three goals to Mr. Rogus for review next month, and to finalize the Board's Annual Report to the Commission.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Lafler adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Jackie Lafler, Chair

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