



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, May 6, 2019

6:00 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 244 by Chair Driest.

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Edie Driest, Vice-Chair Lauri Fern, Board Member Carolann Palm-Abramoff, Board Member Allain Hale, Board Member Verna Blaine, and Board Member Barbara Lockhart

Absent 2 - Board Member Janet White, and Board Member Ashley Higgins

Also Present:

Environmental Technician David Jayroe and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. [19-0462](#) Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

It was noted that Board Member Palm-Abramoff's name is misspelled in the first Motion under Agenda Item 7.

A motion was made by Board Member Palm-Abramoff, seconded by Board Member Blaine to approve the April 1, 2019 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Unfinished Business

A. [19-0471](#) Tree Survivability Provision Pertaining to Cutting and Shaping of Trees

Mr. Jayroe reported that City staff is in the process of researching the methodology of 4 other Cities to enable staff to provide a recommendation to the City Commission regarding this issue.

B. [19-0472](#) Preservation and Conservation of Land

Mr. Jayroe noted that he sent a Memorandum to the City Commission regarding the request by the Board to consider monitoring Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission

regarding the spraying of aquatic plants and decisions on aquatic plant management, the City's use of herbicide, and purchase of land for conservation.

Discussion ensued regarding Commission Workshops, amount the Board is requesting for preservation and conservation of land, Cape Coral designating land for gopher tortoises, and North Port Comprehensive Plan.

Public comment was held from 6:23 p.m. to 6:24 p.m.
Larry Reid - Comprehensive Plan goals.

There was a consensus to add this item to the next Agenda to allow Member suggestions on prioritizing the environmental portion of the Comprehensive Plan.

C. [19-0473](#)

Wildlife Corridors

Board Member Lockhart provided and reviewed a map of storm water drainage systems in North Port.

Discussion ensued regarding North Port "blue ways", conservation easements, protection of rare and endangered species, maintaining storm water drainage systems and easements to accommodate wildlife habitats, Myakahatchee Creek Conservation Project, improving stormwater ponds for wildlife habitats, Sarasota County's research on Scrub Jay habitats, and City staff attending a meeting to address the Future Land Use Map and Sarasota County owned property in North Port.

Public comment was held from 6:50 p.m. - 6: 52 p.m.
Larry Reid - Sarasota County wildlife corridors and identification of wildlife habitats.

There was a consensus for Board Member Lockhart to investigate and provide information regarding maintenance of the stormwater systems and easements effecting the nesting habitats of native birds and other wildlife.

There was a consensus to invite staff from Planning & Zoning to review the Future Land Use Map and provide clarification.

D. [19-0474](#)

Scrub Jay Lots in North Port

Discussion ensued regarding North Port Future Land Use Map, North Port land nominated to Sarasota County Environmental Sensitive Land Oversight Committee for land preservation, and Venice Area Audubon reviewing Yorkshire Street area for possible scrub jay habitat.

E. [19-0476](#)

Limiting Single Use Plastics

Discussion ensued regarding alternatives to single-use-plastics, using alternatives at all City events, links to obtain information regarding use of plastics, process to submit recommendations to the City Commission, individual Board Members meeting with Commissioners, recommendations of alternatives to single-use-plastics, tracking the progress of suggestions to the City Commission and process for the Board requesting direction to staff.

Vice-Chair Fern volunteered to create a spreadsheet to track Board suggestions to City Commission.

A motion was made by Board Member Palm-Abramoff, seconded by Board Member Lockhart to send a memorandum to the City Commission to include the "Eliminating/Minimizing Use of Single-Use-Plastic at City of North Port Government

Buildings and Functions" informational document distributed to the Members and the 3 part video regarding alternatives to the use of plastic products which Board Member Palm-Abramoff sent to David Jayroe. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. New Business

- A. [19-0477](#) ULDC Re-Write Review Chapter 9 Conservation Restriction Overlay Zone, Manatee Protection Regulations

Mr. Jayroe provided a review of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), Chapter 9, Conservation Restricted Overlay Zone, Manatee Protection Regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding methodology for viewing online Conservation Zones in North Port, interaction North Port Flood Plain map, Public Works clearing along Myakkahatchee Creek, and ULDC Chapter 9 suggested revisions.

9. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda items include upcoming Commission Agenda items, Public Works staff to address the land clearing at Myakahatchee Creek, Planning & Zoning staff to review the Future Land Use Map, ULDC rewrite of Chapter 9, North Port Comprehensive Plan, presentation from Brie Ondercin, Sarasota County Environmental Sensitive Land Oversight Committee and review of the recommendation tracking spreadsheet.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Blaine, seconded by Board Member Palm-Abramoff to adjourn the May 6, 2019 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The May 6, 2019 Environmental Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Edie Driest,
Chair

Minutes were approved at the Environmental Advisory Board meeting this ____ day of _____, 2019.