



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, December 1, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present 3 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan and Board Member Drumm

Absent 1 - Board Member Jackomin

Also Present

Staff Liaison Kalev, Deputy Director of Development Services Barnes, City Clerk Faust, and Board Specialist Fritz.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. 25-3047 Approve the November 3, 2025, Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair McGowan announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Drumm, seconded by Vice Chair Eik, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan and Board Member Drumm

Absent: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

6. New Business

A. 26-0006 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided an update regarding presentation of the Parks Master Plan to the

Parks Advisory Board, including suggestions for the Commission and the trick-or-treat event.

B. 26-0007 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Presentation of the Environmental Advisory Board 2025 Annual Report to the City Commission

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding preferred options.

There was a consensus to present the Annual Report to the City Commission utilizing Option 3, a joint meeting.

C. 26-0008 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Relocation and Crediting of Trees Moved from Development Properties to Designated Areas

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding cost factors.

No action was taken on this item.

D. 26-0009 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Property Adjacent to Myakkahatchee Creek and Its Potential Environmental Value for Preservation Through the Sarasota County Land Acquisition and Management Program

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding recommendation process, utilization of land, clarification of location, suggestion for conservation, and acreage.

Ms. Barnes spoke to zoning, acquisition program, County compensation, economic impact, and City involvement.

Board discussion continued regarding request for recommendation to Commission for purchase of parcel and Parks and Recreation's involvement in purchasing properties.

Public Comment:

Chuck English: spoke to property owners request, protection zones, flood class, expenses for development, and board involvement.

Board discussion continued regarding contacting owner for tree information, site visit, parcel information from Natural Resources Department, and presentation to Commission on Land Acquisition Program.

No action was taken on this item.

Presentations

A. 26-0004 Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding City of North Port Land Acquisition Program Utilizing the Environmental Protection Fund

Chair McGowan announced the item

Mr. Kalev provided a presentation including program purpose, why this matters to North Port, environmental and economic connection, overview of identified ecological zones, benefits of permanent conservation, funding mechanism, acquisition strategy, scorecard guidelines, projected community benefits, alignment with City goals, case study/example, Commission direction and options, next steps and call to action.

Board discussion took place regarding input for land criteria, differences of options, and acreage.

Public Comment:

Chuck English: spoke to property placement for conservation, focus on beauty of community and natural resources, and responsibilities of board.

A motion was made by Board Member Drumm, seconded by Vice Chair Eik, for the Environmental Advisory Board to give input on which option the City should focus on. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan and Board Member Drumm

Absent: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

A motion was made by Vice Chair Eik, seconded by Chair McGowan, to pursue properties in order of ranking for the Land Acquisition Program. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Vice Chair Eik and Chair McGowan

No: 1 - Board Member Drumm

Absent: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

Board discussion continued regarding possibility of recommended land targeted for program and verifying property.

Ms. Barnes spoke to time for updates, recommendations to Commission, and providing history.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Eik, seconded by Chair McGowan, to include the property adjacent to Myakkahatchee Creek, north of Tamiami Trail (PID #0997034655) in the North Port Land and Acquisition Program as a recommendation to the City Commission. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan and Board Member Drumm

Absent: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

B. 26-0005 Presentation and Discussion Regarding Potential Future Development Projects in North Port

Chair McGowan announced the item

Mr. Kalev provided a presentation including summary of projects.

A motion was made by Board Member Drumm, seconded by Chair McGowan, to remove presentation on potential future development projects from future agendas. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chair McGowan and Board Member Drumm

No: 1 - Vice Chair Eik

Absent: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

Board discussion continued regarding importance of item and availability online.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding estimate for invasive and native trees and proposal for how the tree fund is utilized.

8. Public Comment

Chuck English: spoke to Myakkahatchee Creek Park history and original purpose including learning center.

9. Adjournment

Chair McGowan adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

By: _____
Casey McGowan, Chair