



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, June 3, 2019

6:00 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 07-01-2019 MEETING

1. Call to Order

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

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 1 - Board Member Janet White

Also Present:

Environmental Technician David Jayroe, Staff Liaison and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

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

4. Public Comment

Public comment was held from 6:01 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.
Alice White - Tree Ordinance enforcement and Tree Fund Allocations.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [19-0533](#) Minutes of the May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting

Board Member Blaine moved to approve the May 6, 2019 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member Palm-Abramoff. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Presentations

- A. [19-0559](#) Brie Ondercin: Parks Advisory and Recreation Council (PARC) and Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee (ESLOC) Explanation

Brie Ondercin, Sarasota County Land Acquisition Coordinator for Park Planning and Capital Program and Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources, provided background information and a powerpoint presentation regarding Sarasota County's Environmental Sensitive Lands Protection Program and the Environmental Sensitive Land Oversight Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding wildlife protection and corridors, environmental land protection processes, ad valorem tax land acquisition funding, land management allocations, conservation easement incentives, development conservation area requirements, Sarasota County parkland nomination acquisition process, previous North Port parkland nominations, criteria for developing a passive park, stormwater pond designs and maintenance issues, Sarasota County and North Port Parks Master Plan, possible Joint Meeting with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Board Member Hale arrived at 6:56 p.m.

Board Member Blaine moved to direct Staff Liaison Jayroe to request a review of the previous nominated land acquisitions to the Sarasota Park Advisory and Recreation Council for Sensitive Land Oversight Committee consideration for the North Port Neighborhood Parks Program, seconded by Board Member Palm-Abramoff. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a consensus for Staff Liaison Jayroe to send a memorandum to City Manager Lear recommending the City re-evaluate previous properties identified and applied for in the Sarasota County Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program.

7. Unfinished Business

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

Mr. Jayroe provided an update noting that there will be a Commission Workshop scheduled for July 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss this issue.

Discussion ensued regarding tree fund allocations and tree ordinance enforcement.

A motion was made by Board Member Blaine, seconded by Board Member Hale to invite Alice White, People for Trees, to a future Environmental Advisory Board meeting to make a presentation regarding Tree Fund allocations and tree regulation enforcement. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

This item was continued to the next meeting.

C. [19-0473](#) Wildlife Corridors

This item was continued to the next meeting.

8. New Business

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

Discussion ensued regarding review and suggestions of the ULDC Chapter 9, wildlife protection, Warm Mineral Springs, maintenance methodology for wildlife and conservation land, object of the ULDC re-write and members providing suggestions regarding the ULDC environmental regulations.

A motion was made by Board Member Lockhart, seconded by Board Member

Blaine for Staff Liaison Jayroe to provide members with copies of all environmental chapters of the Unified Land Development Code for Board review. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

9. Updates

A. [19-0578](#) Stormwater Ponds As Wildlife Habitat

Mr. Jayroe provided an overview and noted that stormwater ponds are not meant for wildlife habitat as reflected in Chapter 18 of the ULDC.

Discussion ensued regarding managing wildlife in stormwater ponds and design and engineering of stormwater ponds.

B. [19-0579](#) Update on Past Board Directives

Mr. Jayroe noted that the Planning Division is creating a memorandum regarding future land use and Public Works agreed to provide a memorandum regarding land clearing along the Myakkahatchee Creek.

C. [19-0580](#) Environmentally Related Commission Agenda Items

Mr. Jayroe noted that there are no environmental related agenda items scheduled at an upcoming Commission meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda items will include the Unified Land Development Code review.

There was a Consensus for Board Member Palm-Abramoff to contact Sierra Club, to make a presentation regarding the "Ready for 100" initiative for clean and renewal energy.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Blaine, seconded by Board Member Lockhart to adjourn the June 3, 2019 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Driest adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Edie Driest, Chair

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