



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, January 9, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 5 - Vice Chair Holland, Board Member Hall, Board Member Therrien, Board Member Lafler and Board Member Robinson

**Absent** 2 - Board Member Rodriguez and Vice Chair English

### 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 the Board.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

A. [22-3756](#) Approval of Minutes for the November 7, 2022 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

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

B. [23-0142](#) Approval of Minutes for the December 5, 2022 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

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

## 6. New Business

A. [23-0153](#) Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jianelli: Chair/Vice Chair Training

Vice Chair Holland introduced the item.

Ms. Jianelli provided training including officer responsibilities, presiding over and conducting meetings, keeping discussions on track, prohibited communication among other Board Members, vice chair duties in chair's absence, meeting procedures, and legislation governing the Board.

B. [23-0143](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Holland introduced the item and stated nominations were in order for the office of Chair.

Board Member Hall nominated Jackie Lafler as Chair.

Vice Chair Holland queried if there were any further nominations. Without objection, the nominations were closed and a vote was taken.

***The nomination of Jackie Lafler as Chair carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

Chair Lafler then requested that she preside beginning next meeting.

Vice Chair Holland introduced the item and stated nominations were in order for the office of Vice Chair.

Chair Lafler nominated Desiree Holland as Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Holland queried if there were any further nominations. Without objection, the nominations were closed and a vote was taken.

***The nomination of Desiree Holland as Vice Chair carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

C. [22-3856](#) Approval of the Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Schedule for 2023.

Vice Chair Holland introduced the item.

***A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Chair Lafler, to approve the 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

## 7. Unfinished Business

A. [22-3581](#) Discussion and Possible Direction 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

Vice Chair Holland introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding Commission recommendations duplicated by Parks and Recreation Department, finalizing review of the Tree Ordinance, natural resources

language a separate chapter in the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), waivers negating conservation of parkland, Board Member review of presentation, Board responsibilities and guidelines, commenting on revisions of Chapter 1, and further discussion next month.

**A motion was made by Chair Lafler, seconded by Board Member Therrien, to continue agenda No. 22-3581 to the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

**B. [22-3592](#)**

Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend that the City Commission Support the Native Plantings in Public Parks and Spaces (e.g. Bee Stations and Butterfly Gardens).

Vice Chair Holland introduced the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding a similar program by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**A motion was made by Chair Lafler, seconded by Board Member Therrien, to combine agenda No. 22-3592 with No. 22-3596 for discussion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

Discussion continued regarding inviting representatives from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to a future meeting.

**A motion was made by Chair Lafler, seconded by Board Member Therrien to invite a representative of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to provide an overview of their Board at a future meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

Discussion continued regarding the pesticide memo being sent to Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department and requesting a reply.

**A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member Robinson, to forward the memo regarding pesticides to the City Manager and the Commission through Mr. Jeremy Rogus. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## 8. Updates

**A. [22-3596](#)**

Memo Regarding Pesticides Used in Sarasota County (Erin Hall)

This item was discussed with No. 22-3592.

**B. [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 (Jeremy Rogus)

Vice Chair Holland introduced the item.

Discussion regarding Commission's response, individuals observing when waivers are scheduled for Commission review, making public comment in Commission meetings, requesting a joint meeting with Commission, City's Conservation Officer, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) retention pond meeting, and further discussion next month.

**A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member Lafler, to continue agenda No. 22-3597 to the next meeting. The motion carried**

*unanimously on a voice vote.*

**C. [22-3754](#) Recommended Uses for the Tree Fund Monies (Jeremy Rogus)**

Vice Chair Holland introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding status of the Tree Fund, shrubbery being a traffic safety hazard, planting oak trees in appropriate places, planted oak trees, planting indigenous plants, trees and foliage, a wildlife corridor under I-75, Commission discussion, and further discussion next month.

***A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Chair Lafler, to direct Mr. Rogus to contact Anna Duffey to reintroduce the Tree Workshop. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

***A motion was made by Board Member Robinson, seconded by Chair Lafler, to continue agenda No. 22-3754 to the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Future agenda items include continuing agenda No. 22-3581, No. 3597, and No. 22-3754, inviting a representative of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to a future meeting, scheduling a joint meeting with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a discussion regarding making retention ponds beneficial to wildlife, and a discussion regarding the possibility of an I-75 wildlife corridor.

**10. Public Comment**

Allain Hale: developing environmentally friendly retention ponds.

**11. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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Jackie Lafler, Chair

Minutes were approved on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.