



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, October 2, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Vice Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Board Member Robinson, Chair Holland and Board Member McGowan

Board Member McGowan provided introductions.

Also Present:

Staff Liaison Jeremy Rogus and Recording Secretary Matthew Powell

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. [23-1412](#) Approval of the September 11, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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

6. Unfinished Business

A. [23-0742](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Implementation of Additional Community Gardens (Lola Robinson)

Chair Holland announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding survey requirement, Parks and Recreation collaboration efforts, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), and next steps.

A motion was made by Board Member English, seconded by Board Member Hall,

to continue Item No. 23-0742 to the November 6, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- B.** [23-1089](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding New Recommendations or Advisements to City Commission Pertaining to Preserving and Promoting Wildlife, Habitat Protection, Trees, the City's Natural and Environmental Resources, Tree Planting, and Beautification of Public Spaces

Chair Holland announced the item

Discussion took place regarding conservation easements memorandum transmittal, and tree versus habitat restoration fund name.

7. New Business

- A.** [23-1453](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding North Port Adopt-A-Park Program Process

Chair Holland announced the item

Discussion took place regarding Hope Park planting collaboration, park selection process, native planting options, City Center Front Green, funding, signage, social media communication, logo creation, next steps, Board role, intent, and recommendations.

A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to add to future agenda items a discussion relating to developing a logo and signage for the Environmental Advisory Board including assistance from the local high school community. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Rogus spoke to Board role and responsibilities.

Discussion continued regarding Board goals, environmental studies, and recommendations.

A motion was made by Board Member McGowan, seconded by Board Member Eik, to direct Board Member McGowan to draft a memorandum advising City Commission to create a City environmental health, water, trees, and air quality scorecard to be presented and reviewed at the November 6, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

8. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place regarding mosquito control environmental effects and previous pesticides advisement.

A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Vice Chair English, to add to future agenda items a discussion regarding pesticide usage for pollinators. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Discussion continued regarding retention pond plantings and maintenance.

A motion was made by Board Member Eik, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to add to future agenda items a discussion regarding retention pond planting regulations and potential incentives. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Discussion continued regarding tree fund usage, environmental survey criteria, and permit requirements.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

By: _____
Honey "Desiree" Holland, Chair