



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, November 6, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Absent 1 - Board Member Holland

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.

Board Member Amos and Board Member Clayton provided introductions.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-1496](#) Approval of the October 2, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Absent: 1 - Board Member Holland

6. Unfinished Business

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

Vice Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding University of Florida (UF) resources.

A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to continue Item No. 23-0742 to the December 4, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Absent: 1 - Board Member Holland

- 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

Vice Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding draft memorandum relating to Natural Resources Manager position, Environmental Conservancy of North Port conservation easements recommendations, tree fund usage, Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) rewrite, and tree planting costs.

There was consensus to transmit the Natural Resources Manager Memorandum to City Commission.

7. New Business

- A.** [23-1482](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of the 2024 Meeting Schedule

Vice Chair English announced the item.

A motion was made by Board Member Amos, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to approve the Environmental Advisory Board 2024 Meeting Schedule as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Absent: 1 - Board Member Holland

- B.** [23-1512](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Sending a Memorandum to City Commission Requesting Direction to Pursue a Logo and Signage for the Environmental Advisory Board

Vice Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding draft memorandum and timeline.

Mr. Rogus spoke to board roles and responsibilities.

Discussion continued regarding City role.

A motion was made by Board Member Eik, seconded by Board Member Amos, to direct staff to research potential next steps regarding the logo and signage memorandum. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Absent: 1 - Board Member Holland

C. [23-1513](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on the Creation of A City Environmental Health, Water, Trees, and Air Quality Scorecard

Vice Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding intent, measurement frequency timeline, examples, staff requirements, draft memorandum, Natural Resources Manager role, wildlife and habitat protection, arsenic testing requirements, water quality control, and City versus County role.

A motion was made by Board Member McGowan, seconded by Board Member Eik, to continue Item No. 23-1513 to the December 4, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Absent: 1 - Board Member Holland

D. [23-1514](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on Pesticide Usage for Pollinators.

Vice Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding pesticide contents, feedback requested, and budget usage.

A motion was made by Board Member McGowan, seconded by Board Member Hall, to continue Item No. 23-1514 to the December 4, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Robinson

Absent: 1 - Board Member Holland

E. [23-1515](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on Retention Pond Planting Regulations and Potential Incentives.

Vice Chair English announced the item.

A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member Amos, to continue Item No. 23-1515 to the December 4, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Robinson

Absent: 1 - Board Member Holland

8. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place regarding micro forests and tree planting program.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair English adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

By: _____
Honey "Desiree" Holland, Chair