



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, September 11, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

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

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Therrien

### 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

Barbara Lockhart: spoke to planting donations and land conservation updates.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-1241](#) Approval of the August 7, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Holland, Chair Holland, Vice Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Board Member Hall and Board Member Eik

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Therrien

### 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 memorandum relating to green space development requirements.

***A motion was made by Board Member English, seconded by Board Member Eik, to transmit the memorandum relating to green space development requirements to City Commission. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Holland, Chair Holland, Vice Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Board Member Hall and Board Member Eik

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Therrien

Discussion continued regarding community input process.

**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 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Hope Park, donations, park adoption process, volunteer efforts, timeline, social media advertisements, Environmental Conservancy of North Port, tools required, communications department, wildlife preservation, planting costs, next steps, weather limitations, land conservation easements memorandum, and recommendations.

***A motion was made by Board Member English, seconded by Board Member Eik, to transmit the conservation easements memorandum to City Commission. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Holland, Chair Holland, Vice Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Board Member Hall and Board Member Eik

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Therrien

## 7. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place regarding natural resources division hiring process, tree fund usage, and conservation easements.

***A motion was made by Board Member Eik, seconded by Board Member English, to add a discussion regarding the park adoption process to future agenda items. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Holland, Chair Holland, Vice Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Board Member Hall and Board Member Eik

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Therrien

## 8. Public Comment

Amber Clayton: spoke to the bee conservancy.

Discussion took place regarding park adoption process, contacting Parks and Recreation department, and Florida Sunshine Law.

Mr. Rogus spoke to Board role and responsibilities.

## 9. Adjournment

Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Honey "Desiree" Holland, Chair