

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019**

- Present:** Edie Driest, Chair; Lauri Fern, Vice-Chair; Allain Hale; Verna Blaine; Carolann Palm-Abramoff; Barbara Lockhart; Staff Liaison David Jayroe, Environmental Tech; and Recording Secretary Goodman.
- Absent:** Alicia Accardi; Janet White, Alternate II; and Ashley Higgins, Youth Member.
- Guest:** Planning Division Manager Nicole Galehouse.
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The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 244 by Chair Driest followed by roll call.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment from 6:01 p.m. to 6:06 p.m.  
Larry Reid – suggestions for City projects.

**4. EAB 2019 SCHEDULE: RE-APPROVE MONTHLY MEETINGS AND DURATION**

Mr. Jayroe noted that the Board suggested that the scheduled meetings for the Board be held on the first Monday of every month for a 2 hours period.

*Board Member Blaine moved to approve the Environmental Advisory Board meet every first Monday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Board Member Palm-Abramoff. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**5. MINUTES APPROVAL; DECEMBER 3, 2018 AND JANUARY 7, 2019**

It was noted that on page 3 of the January 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes, the town of Stuart Florida is misspelled.

*Board Member Blaine moved to approve the December 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented and the January 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes as amended; seconded by Board Member Lockhart. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**6. PRESENTATION: NICOLE GALEHOUSE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN THE WEST VILLAGES; WILDLIFE CORRIDORS AND OPEN SPACES**

Ms. Galehouse provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the development process in West Villages, wildlife corridors and open spaces.

Discussion ensued regarding West Villages following the Village District Pattern Book, the responsible party for environmental studies, responsibility of maintenance for stormwater ponds, open spaces in West Villages, requirements and permitted uses of “Green Belts”, and possible underpass connectivity from West Villages to the Nature Preserve on River Road for wildlife habitats.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

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7A Tree survivability provision pertaining to cutting and shaping of trees

Mr. Jayroe introduced this item noting that the City Commission reviewed the information provided by staff regarding other municipalities tree ordinances.

The Commission provided staff direction in updating the Tree Ordinance including City Departments collaborating in determining locations for tree plantings, how Sarasota County determines a heritage tree, purchasing property for tree preservation, using the American National Standards Institute model for shaping and cutting of trees, and researching Tree Ordinances of other platted communities.

Members were encouraged to watch the Commission Meeting Tree Ordinance discussion.

8. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

8A Annual Report to City Commission

Chair Driest introduced this item and noted that the three options for submitting the Annual Report include requesting a Joint Meeting with the City Commission, presenting a report at a Special City Commission Meeting, or submitting an Annual Report in Memorandum form for the City Manager to provide to the City Commission and what the Annual Report should include.

Mr. Jayroe provided a draft Annual Report in memorandum form for review which was read into the record.

Discussion ensued regarding adding enforcing the 35% tree canopy objective goal, Commission direction on usage of herbicides, method of providing the Annual Report, including the development of passive parks in the urban areas of North Port, the listed priorities, City conservation program for protection of wildlife listed species; map of City owned lots for wildlife corridors/habitats, local classes offered by the Audubon Society, and a map of scrub jay habitats in North Port.

Chair Driest agreed to work with Mr. Jayroe to locate scrub jay habitats on a map of city owned lots.

*There was a consensus to submit the Annual Report in memorandum form for the City Manager to provide to the City Commission.*

*Board Member Lockhart move to include in the Memorandum to the City Commission a request that they monitor what Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission is doing regarding the spraying of aquatic plants and decisions on aquatic plant management.*

*Board Member Blain moved to amend the main motion to include because the City is using herbicide glyphosate spray and it is known to be harmful to human and contributes to the nitrogen problem; seconded by Board Member Hale. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

*There was a vote on the main motion as amended to read: Board Member Lockhart moved to include in the Memorandum to the City Commission a request that they monitor what Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission is doing regarding the spraying of aquatic plants and decisions on aquatic plant management because the City is using herbicide glyphosate spray and it is known to be harmful to human and contributes to the nutrient problem; seconded by Board Member Hale. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

8B Water Runoff and Pollution (Quality Data), Fertilizer discussion, - Herbicide Use

This item was discussed previously.

8C Preservation and Conservation of Lane

This item was tabled.

8D Environmental Outreach and community Activity

This item was tabled.

8E Wildlife Corridors

This item was tabled.

**9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Agenda items for the next meeting include the items on the current Agenda, scrub jay habitats, City owned lots, and discussion regarding single plastic use.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Advisory Board Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



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EDIE DRIEST  
CHAIR

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Board Meeting  
approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.