



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, July 1, 2019

6:00 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Driest called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Chair Edie Driest, Board Member Allain Hale, Board Member Verna Blaine, and Board Member Barbara Lockhart

Absent 2 - Vice-Chair Lauri Fern, and Board Member Carolann Palm-Abramoff

Also Present

Environmental Technician David Jayroe, Staff Liaison and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. [19-0683](#) Minutes for the June 3, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Blaine, seconded by Board Member Hale to approve the June 3, 2019 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Unfinished Business

A. [19-0472](#) Preservation and Conservation of Land

Discussion ensued regarding the North Port Comprehensive Plan, postponing discussion on this item and concentrating on suggestions for the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) re-write.

There was a consensus to hold discussion on the Conservation & Coastal Zone Management Element Goals, Objectives & Policies until the ULDC rewrite is complete or unless referenced while reviewing the ULDC.

B. [19-0473](#) Wildlife Corridors

Discussion ensued regarding stormwater drainage systems, North Port nominated land

for Sarasota Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program and Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee (ESLOC), process for scheduling a Joint meeting with the Sarasota Park Advisory and Recreation Council, and North Port Parks Master Plan.

C. [19-0471](#) Tree Survivability Provision Pertaining to Cutting and Shaping of Trees

Discussion ensued regarding inviting Alice White, People for Trees, to attend the next meeting to discuss tree survivability, history of previous and current City boundaries regarding the tree canopy percentages, the intent of having a tree canopy regulation and tree regulations in other municipalities.

7. New Business

A. [19-0694](#) ULDC Environmental Chapters Review

Discussion ensued regarding the Board's concerns for the Environmental Chapters of the ULDC, methodology for recommending the creation of a Department of Natural Resources, Commission direction regarding land acquisition and land management of City owned property, and stormwater drainage pipes emptying into the waterways..

There was a consensus to add a future Agenda discussion regarding recommending the creation of a North Port Department of Natural Resources.

There was a consensus for Board Member Hale to contact other Municipalities regarding the benefit of creating a Natural Resource Department.

There was a consensus for Staff Liaison Jayroe to send a memorandum to the City Manager for permission to contact Public Works staff for clarification on where the stormwater drainage pipes are going into the waterways and how the City is correcting the water pollution from the ground runoff.

8. Updates

A. [19-0579](#) Update on Past Board Directives

Discussion ensued regarding a memorandum from Public Works addressing the Boards concerns regarding clean up efforts of the Myhakahtchee Creek, staff addressing future land use and development impact on conservation zones.

B. [19-0580](#) Environmentally Related Commission Agenda Items

Mr. Jayroe noted that the Tree Ordinance will be presented to the City Commission on July 11, 2019 at the 1:00 p.m. Commission Special Meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda items will include a report from Board Member Hale on Natural Resource Departments, ULDC Environmental Chapters Review and Alice White, People for Trees, presentation.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Blaine, seconded by Board Member Lockhart to adjourn the July 1, 2019 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Driest adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Edie Driest,
Chair

Minutes were approved at the Environmental Advisory Board meeting this ____ day of _____, 2019.