



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, April 3, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 5 - Vice Chair Holland, Board Member English, Board Member Hall, Board Member Therrien and Board Member Robinson

Absent 1 - Chair Lafler

Also Present

Environmental Technician Jeremy Rogus and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was Led by Vice Chair Holland.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-0562](#) Approve Minutes of the March 6, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

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

6. New Business

- A. [23-0639](#) Option to Extend Advisory Board Term to Three Years.

Vice Chair Holland announced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding extending term appointments for one additional year, expressed interest, and contacting absent Members.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. [23-0609](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2023 EAB Goals

Vice Chair Holland announced the item.

Mr. Rogus introduced the item and distributed a list of Board recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding wildlife habitats surrounding trees, water quality, creating bird aviaries surrounding retention ponds, waterway conservation, another community garden, year-round ban on fertilizer use, finding new uses for tree funds, restricting chemical use around retention ponds, increase sustainability, requiring higher emission standards for City vehicles, waterway litter traps, and G-18 mapping of canals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allain Hale: spoke to using tree fund money to expand parks and partnering with Parks and Recreation Department.

Ann Niednagel: spoke to the Warm Mineral Springs community garden.

There was a consensus to recommend the following three attainable goals for the Board: 1) waterway litter traps; 2) Retention Ponds; and 3) Community gardens.

A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Board Member English, to approve searching for a new community garden as the first Board goal. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

8. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items included updates on Items No. 22-3262, No. 22-3597, No. 22-3754, No. 23-0460, No. 23-0466, a request for a Joint Meeting with Commission, and inviting a Planning and Zoning Staff member to review chapter 1 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC).

Mr. Rogus spoke to the pesticide memo (No. 22-3596) being reviewed by the City Manager and an update being provided next month.

9. Public Comment

Allain Hale: spoke to State's guidelines for gopher tortoise habitats.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Jackie Lafler, Chair

Minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 2023.