



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, September 9, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Chair English, Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Amos, Board Member Broes and Board Member North

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Eik

### Also Present

Staff Liaison Kalev, Board Specialist Price, and Board Specialist Bodmer

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member North.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [24-1002](#) Approval of the July 1, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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

**Yes:** 6 - Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Amos, Board Member Broes and Board Member North

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Eik

### 6. Presentations

- A. [24-1350](#) History of North Port and Review of its Archeological sites.

Chair English announced the item.

Dr. Maranda Kles, President of Archeological Consultants, Inc., provided a presentation regarding archeological resource protection, federal guidelines, and identifying archeological site significance.

Discussion took place regarding subject matter experts.

Dr. Kles continued her presentation regarding cultural resource management and types of archeological surveys.

Discussion continued regarding different zones in the City.

Dr. Kles continued her presentation regarding local historical surveys and interest in archeological sites.

Discussion continued regarding the various phases of surveys.

Dr. Kles continued her presentation regarding nationally registered resources and burial sites within the waterways.

Discussion continued regarding being proactive in surveying sites.

Dr. Kles continued her presentation regarding cultural resource management archeology, its significance and its relation to community development, taphonomy or "forensic" archeological work on local sites, differences between middens and push piles and dealing with historical records discrepancies and archeological findings, and offered suggestions for future archeological endeavors.

Discussion continued regarding the handling of human remains, financial implications of furthering archeological surveying, securing funding, and collaborating with local academia.

Dr. Kles responded to several questions regarding archeological investigation of the Myakkahatchee slew. M. Kalev spoke to review and update of county records, predictive model usage, and the impact on identifying new sites, and use of modern technology for testing new areas.

## 7. Unfinished Business

**A. [23-1089](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Recommendations or Advisements to City Commission

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev spoke to overview.

Discussion took place regarding water treatment center release from recent storms, past weather and environmentally significant events, future solutions, potential harm to environment, potential presenter, environmental scorecard, and expansion.

**B. [24-0581](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on the Significance of Trees for Carbon Sequestration

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided update regarding memorandum.

There was no discussion.

- C. [24-0925](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Presentation of MSDS Chemical Products Used by Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided update of tentative presentation before the Commission in November.

There was no discussion.

- D. [24-0932](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Presentation of Myakkahatchee Creek Maintenance Access Trail and Debris Removal Project

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided update regarding presentation to Commission and reminded board members that they are welcome to contact Public Works as private citizens with any questions they might have.

Discussion took place regarding access to permits, board approval, memorandum to Commission, and environmentally sensitive areas.

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

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding retention pond management, City guidelines, preservation resources, and maintaining native vegetation and surrounding areas.

- F. [24-0924](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Holding a Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev advised that there is no current update regarding this joint meeting.

## 8. New Business

- A. [24-1159](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Previous Memos from the Environmental Advisory Board

Chair English announced the item.

***There was consensus to continue Item No. 24-1159 to the October 7, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.***

- B. [24-1205](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of the 2025 Annual Meeting Schedule

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding proposed 2025 meeting schedule.

*A motion was made by Board Member Amos, seconded by Vice Chair McGowan, to approve the 2025 schedule as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:*

**Yes:** 6 - Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Amos, Board Member Broes and Board Member North

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Eik

## 9. Future Agenda Items

### A. [24-1158](#) Future Agenda Items

Chair English announced the item.

There were no future agenda items.

## 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 11. Adjournment

Chair English adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William "Chuck" English, Chair