



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, August 1, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present

Environmental Technician Jeremy Rogus and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [22-3259](#) Approval of Minutes for the July 11, 2022 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

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

6. New Business

- A. [22-3260](#) Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend that the City Commission Support Adoption of Water Quality Solutions and Habitat Preservation in City Stormwater Design and City Development Regulations.

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Rogus provided an overview of his research including best practices procedure, natural habitat/wetland preservation, and dry native planting in retention areas.

Discussion ensued regarding current procedures, contacting other municipalities, habitat preservation areas, and presenting findings to Commission.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Holland, seconded by Board Member Therrien,

to continue item No. 22-3260 to next month. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- B.** [22-3261](#) Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend that the City Commission Support the Native Plantings in Public Parks and Spaces (e.g. Bee Stations and Butterfly Gardens).

Chair English announced the item.

Board Member Hall read the Board's letter to Commission into the record.

Discussion ensued regarding the letter, City's Adopt-a-Park Program spreadsheet, Butler Park prototype, donations, true Florida native plants, habitat preservations cost vs. donations, expanded color presentation, raising awareness of Adopt-a-Park Program, determining locations, and individual Board Member research.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Krajcir: a pilot garden and gopher tortoise friendly plants.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Holland, seconded by Board Member Lafler, to continue item No. 22-3261 to next month. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- C.** [22-3262](#) Discussion and Possible Action Concerning a Recommendation to the City Commission Regarding Potential Uses of Tree Fund Monies.

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Rogus provided an overview including Commission request for Board input, framework for expending Tree Fund monies, Tree Canopy memorandum update, and uses of Tree Fund monies.

Discussion ensued regarding compiling Board suggestions.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Holland, seconded by Board Member Therrien, to continue item No. 22-3262 to next month. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- D.** [22-3263](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Feasibility of Gopher Tortoise Relocation on Public Land or Private Conservation Easements within the City of North Port.

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding Florida Wildlife Conservation (FWC) relocation criteria, challenges of relocating tortoises, community tortoise relocation program, habitat corridors, areas with high environmental forage value, and planting pollinators.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Holland, seconded by Board Member Hall, to continue item No. 22-3263 to next month. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

7. Future Agenda Items

Discussion ensued regarding expiration dates for Board Members.

Board Member Lafler left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Future agenda items include pesticides and fertilizers used in North Port, no spray zones for conservation areas, policy for clear cutting property, and continued discussion for item Nos. 22-3260, 22-3261, 22-3262, and 22-3263.

A motion was made by Board Member Hall, seconded by Board Member Therrien, to direct Staff Liaison Rogus to provide information for a future agenda item regarding land clearing permits, regulations, required signage, and to whom a violation should be reported. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

8. Public Comment

Allain Hale: no spray and no mow zone signage.

9. Adjournment

Chair English adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

William "Chuck" English, Chair

Minutes were approved on the ___ day of _____, 2022.