



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, August 5, 2019

6:00 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Driest called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Chair Edie Driest, Vice-Chair Lauri Fern, Board Member Carolann Palm-Abramoff, and Board Member Allain Hale

Absent 2 - Board Member Verna Blaine, and Board Member Barbara Lockhart

Also Present

Arborist David Jayroe, Staff Liaison and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

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

4. Public Comment

Public comment was held from 6:04 p.m. to 6:07 p.m.

Alice White: Recommendation to Commission and expenditures regarding the Tree Fund.

Discussion ensued on City Manager direction regarding inviting Alice White to a future meeting with a specific topic to discuss and re-scheduling the September 2, 2019 meeting due to Labor Day.

There was a Consensus to re-schedule the next meeting for September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. [19-0803](#) Minutes for the July 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Hale, seconded by Vice-Chair Fern to approve the July 1, 2019 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. New Business

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

Discussion ensued regarding direction from last meeting, deadline for the re-write of the Unified Land Development Code, methodology for Board review, Florida Fish & Wildlife holding a workshop to discuss standard operating procedures, Gopher Tortoise protection and the use of silt fencing, Chapter 14 of ULDC reference to Chapter 78 of North Port City Code, Chapter 14-18, A5 of ULDC regarding wildlife survey and environmental report

requirements including timeline requirements being inconsistent with the standard operating procedures for Neighborhood Development Services land clearing and protection of Gopher Tortoises, Chapter 14-18 adding a number 6 to reference US Fish & Wildlife Services regulations regarding Scrub Jays, Chapter 14-23, A10 environmental studies requirements, and Section 14-28 is outdated due to referencing Chapter 17-3 of Florida Administrative Code which does not exist and should reference Chapter 62 for Water Quality Standards.

There was a Consensus to recommend City staff add language to the ULDC in 14-18 adding a new paragraph 6, regarding the surveying timeline requirements for Scrub Jays.

There was a Consensus to recommend City staff review Chapter 14-18, A5 regarding land clearing and Gopher Tortoise protections.

There was a Consensus to recommend City staff to update Chapter 14-23 A10 regarding Environmental Study timeline.

Discussion continued regarding Cape Coral Gopher Tortoise and underbrush clearing requirements, adding North Port underbrush requirements in the ULDC, current underbrush permit requirements, and ULDC Chapter 45.

There was a Consensus to add the underbrush permit language to the ULDC.

Discussion continued regarding adding a chapter in the ULDC which would be wildlife specific and include wildlife habitat management and consolidate it into one chapter.

There was a Consensus to recommend staff add a chapter to the ULDC which would address wildlife protection measures and include wildlife habitat management.

Discussion continued regarding developing wetland requirements and ongoing Myakkahatchee Creek Archaeological and Cultural Assessment.

B. [19-0842](#)

Discussion of other Governments' Departments of Natural Resources

Mr. Hale provided an overview of his research regarding other Municipalities Department of Natural Resources.

Discussion ensued regarding proposing a Department of Natural Resources for North Port, the role and number of employees of environmental departments in other areas, other areas to check for similar departments and how the environmental departments interact with other departments,

7. Updates

A. [19-0579](#)

Update on Past Board Directives

This item was discussed under Agenda Item 4, noting that a memo from Operations & Maintenance Manager Charles Speake will be forthcoming after the archaeological and cultural assessment is complete.

B. [19-0841](#)

Future Land Use Map Memorandum From Neighborhood Development Services

Mr. Jayroe reviewed the Memo and Future Land Use Map as provided in the backup material.

Discussion ensued regarding designated areas as reflected on the map.

C. [19-0580](#)

Environmentally Related Commission Agenda Items

There were no environmental related Commission items to report.

8. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda items include Unified Land Development Code Environmental Chapters review, Future Land Use Map review, and Discussion on Departments of Natural Resources.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Driest adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Edie Driest,
Chair

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