



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, June 6, 2022

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** 6 - Chair English, Vice Chair Hall, Board Member Therrien, Board Member Grona, Board Member Holland 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

Barbara Lockhart: the North Port Environmental Conservancy's mission, silt fences, gopher tortoise protection, permit boxes, illegal lot clearing, sharing projects with the Board, and relocating gopher tortoises.

Allain Hale: potential parcels of land protected from developers and Board vacancies.

Mr. Rogus spoke to the Commission's response pertaining to Little Salt Spring.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [22-2938](#) Approval of Minutes for the May 2, 2022 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

Chair English introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding amending the minutes to correct scrivener's errors.

***A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Board Member Grona, to approve the Minutes as amended to reflect "Merrilynn Grona" in Item No. 22-2754, Board Member Grona read the Septic Memorandum; and "Erin Hall" in Item 22-2756, Vice Chair Hall read the Tree Canopy Memorandum. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

## 6. New Business

- A. [22-2941](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Finalizing the Memo to Commission Relating to Disbursement of Tree Fund Monies

Chair English introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding a future Commission workshop pertaining to use of Tree Fund revenue, the Board's memorandum being added as backup to the Commission agenda item, and the Tree Canopy Survey.

Mr. Rogus clarified the City Arborists salaries.

Discussion continued concerning revisions to the Board's memorandum and adding a tree canopy coverage baseline.

***A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve the Board's amended memorandum to the Commission pertaining to the disbursement of Tree Fund Monies, taking revenue from the Tree Fund to perform a Tree Canopy Survey, and forward the request to the Commission through the City Manager. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

- B. [22-2942](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Finalizing the Memo to the Commission Regarding a Tree Canopy Study.

Chair English introduced the item.

Discussion and action on this item was covered under Item No. 22-2941.

- C. [22-2943](#) Discussion and Possible Action to advise the Commission to support or adopt an ordinance to prohibit smoking in City Parks.

Chair English introduced the item.

Mr. Rogus spoke to the request of Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller that the Board support an ordinance prohibiting smoking in City's parks.

Discussion ensued regarding Board support of the Ordinance with conditions, assigning a designated area for smoking, Mr. Rogus composing the memorandum, the scope of the request, designating smoking areas at the parks, disposal containers, and educational signage.

***A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to direct Mr. Rogus to compose a draft memorandum concerning the Board's support of a no smoking ordinance at City parks including possible signage. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

- D. [22-2944](#) Discussion and Possible Action to review and define the Environmental Advisory Board Priority Action List.

Chair English introduced the item.

Mr. Rogus spoke to the Board Members' documents being collected and integrated in to the drafted Priority Action List.

Discussion ensued regarding narrowing the Action List, developers' failure to post land clearing permits, combining Action List bullet points, measuring sedimentation in canals, worksheets aiding the Board's Action List, prioritizing a canal baseline study, testing frequency of City's waterways, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) dredging the Warm Mineral Springs creek, Utilities Department water testing, state standards for testing and obtaining Florida State and Sarasota County pollution data, Charlotte County testing the Cocoplum waterway, and establishing water quality of city canals and waterways.

***There was a consensus to direct Mr. Rogus to provide the Board any water quality or sediment testing performed by the City, or outsourced, as it relates to any projects within the City canals and waterways.***

Board Member Hall left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding Board Members reviewing the priority list and bringing back three top picks for discussion and final approval to next month.

***A motion was made by Board Member Grona, seconded by Board Member Therrien, to continue discussion and approval of Item No. 22-2944 to next month. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

## 7. Updates

### A. [22-2945](#)

Update Regarding Memos Sent to City Commission (Jeremy Rogus)

Chair English introduced the item.

Mr. Rogus reported receiving no response from the Commission concerning three memorandums pertaining to septic conversion to City water, the request for a joint meeting with other Boards, and the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board regarding development waivers.

## 8. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items included the priority action list approval, discussion and possible action regarding a memorandum in support of a no-smoking ordinance at City parks, and updates on all memorandums to Commission.

## 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 10. Adjournment

Chair English adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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William "Chuck" English, Chair

Minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.