



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, November 3, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Jackomin and Board Member Drumm

Also Present

Staff Liaison Kalev, Deputy Director of Development Services Barnes, and Board Specialist Fritz.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

Chuck English: spoke to issue with property, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), economic development, rezoning, and conservation.

Discussion took place regarding Parks and Recreation and confirmation of the property.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [25-2952](#) Approve the October 6, 2025, Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair McGowan announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Jackomin, seconded by Board Member Drumm, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Jackomin and Board Member Drumm

Presentations

- A. [25-3004](#) Presentation and Discussion Regarding Environmental Policy and Tree Mitigation Process in North Port

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided a presentation including tree protection regulations, Comprehensive

Plan, 2022-2025 strategic vision plan, environmental resiliency and sustainability pillar, Unified Land Development Code – Chapter 4 and Chapter 6, Natural Resources Division, our team, tree mitigation basics, tree conservation basics, heritage trees, example 1, tree mitigation forms, and example 2.

Discussion took place regarding sizing criteria, entwinement, tree health, revenue, data, residential tree examples, fees, tracking residential and commercial properties, and relevance.

6. New Business

A. [25-2707](#) Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding North Port's Tree Mitigation Process

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding environmental protection fund, preserving water sources, and tree fund.

Mr. Kalev spoke to the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) and budget.

Ms. Barnes spoke to Natural Resource Department and order for board procedures.

Discussion continued regarding educating residents and personal opinions.

Discussion continued regarding cost relevance, zoning, and tree canopy issues.

Ms. Barnes spoke to recommendations and City processes.

There was no public comment.

B. [25-3002](#) Presentation and Discussion Regarding Potential Future Development Projects in North Port

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

C. [25-3005](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Selecting Environmental Advisory Board Annual Report Option

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

D. [25-3006](#) Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Potential Land Acquisition Areas in North Port

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

There was no discussion.

Public Comment:

Chuck English: spoke to environmental concerns and request for the Board to send memorandum to Commission in regards to property.

Ms. Barnes spoke to rezoning application and County land acquisition.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Eik, seconded by Chair McGowan, to continue Item No. 25-3006 to the December 1, 2025, Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan and Board Member Drumm

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

E. [25-3012](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of the Amended Environmental Advisory Board 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule

Chair McGowan announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Eik, seconded by Chair McGowan, to approve the Environmental Advisory Board 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan and Board Member Drumm

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

8. Future Agenda Items

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding social media.

9. Public Comment

Chuck English: Spoke to transfer of trees.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Eik, seconded by Chair McGowan, to direct Mr. Kalev to bring back discussion on the costs associated with landscaping trees and the feasibility of acquiring or utilizing a spade truck to support the relocation and preservation of trees at the December 1, 2025 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Eik, Chair McGowan and Board Member Drumm

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

10. Adjournment

Chair McGowan adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

By: _____

Casey McGowan, Chair