



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, January 8, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present 5 - Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

Absent 3 - Board Member Hall, Board Member Eik and Board Member Holland

Also Present:

Staff Liaison Jeremy Rogus, Natural Resources Division Manager Stefan Kalev, and Recording Secretary Micheal Bodmer

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. [23-1709](#) Approval of the December 4, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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

6. Unfinished Business

- A. [23-0742](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on the Implementation of Additional Community Gardens (Lola Robinson)

Vice Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding the status.

A motion was made by Board Member Clayton, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to continue Item No. 23-0742 to February 5, 2024. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- B.** [23-1089](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding New Recommendations or Advisements to City Commission Pertaining to Preserving and Promoting Wildlife, Habitat Protection, Trees, the City's Natural and Environmental Resources, Tree Planting, and Beautification of Public Spaces

Vice Chair English announced the item.

A motion was made by Board Member Clayton, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to continue Item No. 23-1089 to February 5, 2024. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- C.** [23-1513](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on the Creation of A City Environmental Health, Water, Trees, and Air Quality Scorecard

Vice Chair English announced the item.

A motion was made by Board Member Clayton, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to continue Item No. 23-1513 to February 5, 2024. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- D.** [23-1514](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on Pesticide Usage for Pollinators.

Vice Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding chemicals, frequency used, and public records request.

A motion was made by Board Member Clayton, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to submit memorandum to Commission. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Vice Chair English announced item.

Discussion took place regarding past memorandums, environmental scorecard, and budget.

A motion was made by Board Member McGowan, seconded by Board Member Amos, to continue Item No. 23-1515 to February 5, 2024. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

7. New Business

- A.** [24-0024](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair English announced the item.

Board Member Amos nominated Vice Chair English for Chair.

The nomination of Vice Chair English as Chair carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board Member Amos nominated Board Member McGowan for Vice Chair.

The nomination of Board Member McGowan as Vice Chair carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. [24-0061](#)

Introduction of Stefan Kalev, City of North Port Natural Resources Division Manager

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided a presentation including introductions and experience.

8. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items to include Chapter 7 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), micro-forest presentation, tree fund, review, and processes.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair English adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

By: _____
William "Chuck" English, Chair