



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, March 2, 2026

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

- Present** 7 - Board Member Eik, Board Member McGowan, Chair Drumm, Vice Chair Stark, Board Member San Vicente, Board Member Taylor and Board Member German
- Absent** 2 - Board Member Jackomin and Board Member Scott

### 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

There was no public comment.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [26-0429](#) Approve the February 2, 2026 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Drumm announced the item and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Board Member San Vicente, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

- Yes:** 6 - Board Member Eik, Board Member McGowan, Chair Drumm, Board Member San Vicente, Board Member Taylor and Board Member German

**Not Present:** 1 - Vice Chair Stark

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Jackomin and Board Member Scott

### 6. New Business

- A. [26-0433](#) New Environmental Advisory Board Member Introduction

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Vice Chair Stark arrived at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Board members provided an introduction.

**B. [26-0434](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Draft 2025 Annual Report to the City Commission

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) understanding, Natural Resources economic impact, and scorecard versus protected species.

***A motion was made by Board Member McGowan, seconded by Board Member San Vicente, to include the measurement of Natural Resources Divisions economic impact in the 2025 Environmental Advisory Boards annual report. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 7 - Board Member Eik, Board Member McGowan, Chair Drumm, Vice Chair Stark, Board Member San Vicente, Board Member Taylor and Board Member German

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Jackomin and Board Member Scott

Board questions and discussions continued regarding species relocation, mitigation, City impact, future processes, and oversight.

***A motion was made by Board Member San Vicente, seconded by Vice Chair Stark, to request the Natural Resources Division track ongoing listed species impacted in the City of North Port. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 7 - Board Member Eik, Board Member McGowan, Chair Drumm, Vice Chair Stark, Board Member San Vicente, Board Member Taylor and Board Member German

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Jackomin and Board Member Scott

**C. [26-0436](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Mr. Kalev spoke to the absence of Board Member Jackomin and continuance.

Board discussion took place regarding conservation zones and advisory board environmental topics.

**D. [26-0437](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Utilization of the Environmental Protection Fund

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding reallocation of funds, budget workshops process, Natural Resources versus Environmental Protection and Tree Fund, tree lot mitigation

costs, City's impact, funding stability, conservation officers, language modification, Economic Board involvement, Board goals, revenue allocation, program additions, and continuance.

**E. [26-0438](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Reinstating a Recurring Agenda Item on Potential Future Development Projects in the City of North Port

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Board questions and discussions took place regarding citizen's oversight for developmental projects, process, Board's responsibilities, State legislature conflict, and timeline for concerns.

Ms. Barnes spoke to statutory timelines, State direction, homeowner compensation regarding Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), and litigation risks.

Board questions and discussions continued regarding memorandums and future project accessibility.

Ms. Barnes spoke to delegation, process, and item proposals.

Board questions and discussions continued regarding meeting observations and public accessibility.

**F. [26-0439](#)** Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Additional Opportunities for Funding Toward the Environmental Protection Fund

Chair Drumm announced the item.

There was no discussion.

## 7. Updates

**A. [26-0435](#)** Update from the Natural Resources Division

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided an update regarding new Environmental Department Staff Member, landscape compliance program, future events, development review map and committee, new development projects and root barrier damage, tree City application finalization, and State biologist appointment regarding Board partnership.

Board discussion took place regarding microforests.

## 8. Future Agenda Items

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Board questions and discussions took place regarding Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) understanding, previous presentation, discussion for Development Review Committee projects related to Environmental Board, funding understanding, Board Member involvement, and tree giveaway events and collaborations.

**9. Public Comment**

Chuck English: Spoke to Board Member environmental expertise.

**10. Adjournment**

Chair Drumm adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Drumm, Chair