



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, December 4, 2023

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 - Vice Chair English, Chair Holland, Board Member McGowan, Board Member Clayton and Board Member Amos

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

Also Present:

Staff Liaison Jeremy Rogus, Recording Secretary Matthew Powell, 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. [23-1649](#) Approval of the November 6, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Amos, seconded by Board Member McGowan, 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 community garden implementation requirements, Commission approval, and land surveys.

A motion was made by Board Member McGowan, and seconded by Board Member Amos, for Board Member Amber Clayton to contact Parks and

Recreation regarding how to start a survey and get the community gardens project started. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- B.** [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.

Discussion took place regarding environmental health scorecard comparisons, memorandum transmittal, and Natural Resource Manager.

A motion was made by Board Member Clayton, seconded by Vice Chair English, to direct Board Member Clayton to draft a memorandum regarding the environmental health scorecard. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- C.** [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 insect control, frequency of use, alternatives, and public record request process.

A motion was made by Board Member Amos, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to continue Item No. 23-1514 to the January 8, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Vice Chair English announced the item.

A motion was made by Board Member McGowan, seconded by Board Member Amos, to continue Item No. 23-1515 to the January 8, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- E.** [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.

Discussion took place regarding wildlife conservation.

A motion was made by Vice Chair English, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to request the Natural Resources Manager to come and discuss Item No. 23-1089. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Discussion continued regarding Natural Resource Manager memorandum, removing an interim Natural Resource Manager, and focusing on locking in property to reserve for wildlife.

A motion was made by Board Member Clayton, seconded by Board Member

Amos, to not rescind the Natural Resources Manager memorandum. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Board Member Clayton, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to direct Board Member Amber Clayton to rewrite the Natural Resource Manager memorandum. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

7. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

By: _____
Honey "Desiree" Holland, Chair