City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes
Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, July 6, 2026 | **5:30 PM** | **City Hall Room 244**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Drumm called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Board Member McGowan, Chair Drumm, Board Member San Vicente, Board Member Taylor, Board Member Vance and Board Member Lane

Absent 2 - Vice Chair Stark and Board Member German

ALSO PRESENT

Staff Liaison Kalev and Board Specialist Lindner.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

In Person:
Chuck English: Spoke to Circle of Honor.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 26-0913 Approve the April 6, 2026 and May 4, 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 April 6, 2026 and May 4, 2026 Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Board Member McGowan, Chair Drumm, Board Member San Vicente, Board Member Taylor, Board Member Vance and Board Member Lane

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Stark and Board Member German

6. UPDATES

A. 26-0891 New Environmental Advisory Board Member Introduction

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Board questions and discussion took place regarding introductions and backgrounds.

B. 26-0892 Update from the Natural Resources Division

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Mr. Kalev spoke to land acquisition program, potential property acquisitions, Sarasota County assistance, and tree planting efforts.

There was no Board discussion.

C. 26-0897 Discussion Regarding Capturing the Economic Benefits of the Actions of the Natural Resources Division and Discuss Framework on How to Measure Such Impacts

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Mr. Kalev spoke to the item.

Board questions and discussion took place regarding economic impacts, wetlands, tree canopy coverage, scorecard criteria, air and water quality data, permitting processes, development review, mitigation tracking, Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), and Comprehensive Plan (CP).

Chair Drumm requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member San Vicente, seconded by Board Member McGowan, to recommend that the City Commission add economic impact to the scorecard criteria. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Board Member McGowan, Chair Drumm, Board Member San Vicente, Board Member Taylor, Board Member Vance and Board Member Lane

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Stark and Board Member German

Mr. Kalev spoke to future agenda item process.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 26-0893 Recurring Agenda Item for Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Development Review Committee Projects of Environmental Concern

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Board questions and discussion took place regarding light industrial and special industrial classifications, email response delays, and public records requests.

Public Comment:
Chuck English: Spoke to Detwiler's Farm Market location and development review process.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 26-0894 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Utilization of the Environmental Protection Fund

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Board questions and discussion took place regarding budget processes, taxpayer fund allocations, tree planting costs, and agenda access procedures.

B. 26-0896 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Review of the Environmental Advisory Board's Powers and Duties According to the City Code

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Board questions and discussion took place regarding City Code interpretation, public comment procedures, Board involvement and objectives, Activity Centers 6 and 10, economic impact recommendations, Commission meeting procedures, Development Review Committee (DRC).

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. 26-0895 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Environmental Advisory Board Future Agenda Items

Chair Drumm announced the item.

Mr. Kalev spoke to agenda item tracking, resident and visitor tracking, wildlife species, recycling, pollinators, Scrub Jay litigation, Spring Haven roadway extension, and data collection.

Public Comment:
Chuck English: Spoke to wetland conservation.

Board questions and discussion took place regarding wetland conservation and public comment procedures.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Drumm adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

By: ______________________
Tim Drumm