



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, July 1, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 5 - Chair English, Board Member Eik, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Amos and Board Member Broes

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Robinson

### Also Present:

Staff Liaison Kalev and Board Specialist 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. [24-0826](#) Approval of the May 30, 2024 and June 3, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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

**Yes:** 5 - Chair English, Board Member Eik, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Amos and Board Member Broes

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Robinson

### 6. New Business

- A. [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

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev spoke to the item.

Discussion took place regarding street trash, Natural Resource Officer, street adoption, proactive signs to prevent debris, wildlife information presentation, wildlife crossings, Environmental Scorecard, community involvement, Audubon backyard bird count, analysis of data, archaeological presentation, wildlife protection signs, and recommendations.

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

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. McGowan provided a presentation regarding retention ponds, the functions, buffer zone, littoral zone, offshore zone, best practice examples, recommendations, incentives, community outreach, and pond adoption idea.

Discussion took place regarding regulation review, stormwater ponds, beware of alligator signs, maintaining natural ecosystem within ponds, pond maintenance, and water control.

**C. [24-0581](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on the Significance of Trees for Carbon Sequestration

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding memorandum draft, memorandum commission process, and memorandum agenda item.

**D. [24-0924](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Scheduling a Joint Regular Meeting Between the Environmental Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding timeline, frequency, agenda items, joint activity, and park habitat.

**E. [24-0925](#)** Review and Discussion on the Presentation of MSDS Chemical Products Used by Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev spoke to the item.

Discussion took place regarding the increasing community awareness.

**F. [24-0932](#)** Review and Discussion on the Presentation of Myakkahatchee Creek Maintenance Access Trail and Debris Removal Project

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding memorandum to request a presentation, Advisory Boards, main source of drinking water, wildlife, Environmental Impact Study, informal request, and next steps.

## 7. Presentations

### A. [24-0922](#) Presentation of the 2024 North Port Tree Canopy Assessment

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided a presentation regarding assessment, overview, Sarasota County Tree Canopy Study, Florida Urban Tree Canopy Assessment, Tree Equity Score, Myakka State Forest and Orange Hammock wildlife management area, North Port canopy percentages, tree benefits, and overall surface comparison.

Discussion took place regarding use of the assessment, target percentage, understanding the numbers, information accessibility, and tree size to be counted.

## 8. Updates

There were no updates.

## 9. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include current memorandum list.

## 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 11. Adjournment

Chair English adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William "Chuck" English, Chair