



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, May 1, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 3 - Vice Chair Holland, Board Member English and Board Member Therrien

**Absent** 2 - Chair Lafler and Board Member Robinson

### Also Present

Environmental Technician Jeremy Rogus and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Holland.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-0686](#) Approval of Minutes for the April 3, 2023 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

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

### 6. Presentation

- A. [23-0741](#) Presentation Regarding the Warm Mineral Springs Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Planning and Zoning Division)

Vice Chair Holland announced the item and noted Ms. Barnes was unable to attend the meeting.

### 7. New Business

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

Vice Chair Holland announced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding garden locations around North Port, annual cost per plot, startup costs and basic equipment, worksheets distributed, planning Board projects, business donations, garden location(s), narrowing the list, lot sizes, City policy regarding sponsorship/contributions, and the University of Florida Master Gardener Program.

***A motion was made by Board Member Therrien, seconded by Board Member Hall, to direct Mr. Rogus to determine the City policy pertaining to donations, sponsorships, and pledges toward a community garden in addition to supplies and equipment needed to maintain a garden. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

***There was a consensus to continue Item No. 23-0742 at the next meeting.***

## 8. Updates

- A. [22-3262](#) Recommendation to the City Commission Regarding Potential Uses of Tree Fund Monies (Jeremy Rogus)

Chair Holland announced the item.

Mr. Rogus spoke to no response from the Commission regarding the Tree Fund Workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allain Hale:disappearance of animal habitat and memos to the Commission.

***There was a consensus to request an update regarding the following questions to Commission regarding the potential uses of the Tree Fund money, the Commission Workshop regarding the Tree Fund, and the Board's Joint Meeting with the Commission.***

- B. [22-3597](#) Commission Response to the Environmental Advisory Board's Formal Request to be Included in the Review of Requests for Waivers to Open Space and Park Requirements Contained in Section 37-14 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) (Jeremy Rogus)

Vice Chair Holland announced the item and noted a response was received from the Commission and no further updates are needed.

- C. [22-3754](#) Recommended Uses for the Tree Fund Monies (Jeremy Rogus)

Vice Chair Holland announced the item.

Mr. Rogus noted this item was a duplicate of Item No. 23-3262.

- D. [23-0460](#) Inviting a representative from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to provide an overview of their board. (Jeremy Rogus)

Vice Chair Holland announced the item.

Mr. Rogus spoke to having no update and will resend the memo to the Parks and Recreation Department.

- E. [23-0466](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Finalizing the Board's Annual Report to the Commission (Jeremy Rogus)

Vice Chair Holland announced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding lack of responses from requests to the Commission, gathering a list of what the Board hoped to accomplish, and revisiting Item No. 23-0466 next month.

- F. [22-3596](#) Memo Regarding Pesticides Used in Sarasota County (Erin Hall)

Vice Chair Holland announced the item.

Mr. Rogus spoke to having no update regarding the pesticides used in Sarasota County.

***A motion was made by Board Member English, seconded by Board Member Therrien, to direct Mr. Rogus to set Board email memos to receive an "opened and read receipt" and to provide the Board with the results at the next meeting.***

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Future agenda items include updates for Item Nos. 23-0742, 22-3263, 23-0460, 23-0466, 22-3596, Bee Pollination Stations, and an election of a chair.

**10. Public Comment**

Allain Hale: Board recommendations to the Commission and responses from past memos.

**11. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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Desiree Holland, Vice Chair

Minutes were approved on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.