



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft Vegetation Committee

Thursday, March 5, 2026

1:30 PM

MacKenzie Hall - 800 Dunlop Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jessica Gonnely from the Clerk's office led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Committee Member Barbara Boyce, Committee Member Barbara Horvath, Committee Member Barb Wyskowski, Committee Member David Muench, Committee Member Pamela Miller, Committee Member Vincent Simonelli and Adjunct Committee Member Ruth Brooks

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

All Committee Members were present.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of the February 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Miller moved, seconded by Committee Member Simonelli to adopt the February 5, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

6. Program

a. Resilient Tree Care, Chris Comer - ISA Board Certified Master Arborist with Joshua Tree

Chris Comer a ISA Board Certified Master Arborist with Joshua Tree provided a brief overview of his background and work on Sanibel. Mr. Comer provided a overview presentation of the PowerPoint Presentation regarding Resilient Tree Care.

Discussion ensued regarding sun skull.

Public Comment:

Barb Wyskowski - Opinion from Chris Comer regarding SeaGrapes being cut down to 3 to 4 ft.

Barbara Boyce - Gumbo Limbos and strangler figs why they failed and are the new ones coming up and suggestions for keeping the new ones planted alive. Rachel Rainbolt from NDR provided contributions on the failure of Gumbo Limbos.

7. Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting was held. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. The committee nominated Pam Miller and Barbara Wyskowski.

The nomination of Chair for Barbara Wyskowski passed unanimously.
The nomination of Vice Chair for Pam Miller passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

a. 2025 Vegetation Committee Annual Report Draft

Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the Annual Report that was provided. Moved to next Vegetation meeting for approval.

Vice Chair Miller moved, seconded by Committee Member Simonelli to move the Vegetation Committee Annual Report Draft to the May 7th meeting. The motion carried.

b. Native Plant Walk Report

Committee Member Brooks provided an update to last Saturday's plant walk. 6 couples including one Committee Member.

The walk before last Saturday had 20 in attendance.

c. National Invasive Species Awareness Week Report

Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the publications of the articles and the Committee's participation at the Farmers Market. Discussion ensued regarding the attendance at the Farmer's Market.

9. New Business

a. 2025 Vegetation Committee Annual Report

Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the Annual Report that was provided. Discussion ensued regarding moving the Annual Report to the May 7th meeting for approval.

Vice Chair Miller moved, seconded by Committee Member Simonelli to move the Vegetation Committee Annual Report to the May 7th meeting. The motion carried,

b. 2026 Earth Day Event Prep

Rachel rainbolt spoke to the City held Earth Day Event on 4/18/26. Ms. Rainbolt spoke to the last meeting of ideas for the participation at the event.

Ashlee Painter asked the Committee to do a craft or a mini native plant walk if not enough participation of the Committee to hold a table. Discussion ensued regarding a mini plant walk for the event.

Discussion ensued regarding shifts at the Earth Day Event.

10. Reports

a. Natural Resources Liaison Report

Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the LDC subcommittee meeting on 2/24. Dana Detmar spoke at the subcommittee regarding tree buffers. Ms. Rainbolt spoke to the recommendations that were presented to the LDC subcommittee. The LDC did approve the recommendation with minor revisions to be pushed to PC. Ms. Rainbolt invited the Committee to the PC meeting to speak as public comments.

b. Chairpersons' Report

Chair Wyskowski spoke to two potential upcoming speakers.

c. Committee Members Report

Nothing to report at this time.

11. Next Meeting Date

a. Thursday, May 7, 2026 at MacKenzie Hall

12. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

13. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 P.M.