



Meeting Minutes - Draft
Vegetation Committee

Thursday, April 4, 2024

1:30 PM

Recreation Center - 3880 Sanibel Captiva Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:38 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Boyce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Barbara Boyce, Mariana Pardo, Claudia Hoffman, Barbara Horvath, Pamela Miller, Vincent Simonelli, Barb Wyskowski and Ruth Brooks

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

All members were in attendance.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of March 7, 2024 meeting minutes

Committeemember Horvath moved, seconded by Chair Boyce, to adopt the March 7th meeting minutes. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public were in attendance.

6. Old Business

a. 2024 Native Plant Walk Schedule (May 2024)

Committeemember Brooks provided the Committee with the Plant Walk Report:

- 10-12 participants
- Including the Library property due to the landscaped vegetation
- March 23rd Plant Walk was cancelled due to inclement weather

Discussion ensued regarding seeing examples of native plants in a more landscaped setting.

b. Yard Recognition Program Revisions

Committeemember Pardo spoke to communications with the President of the Native Plant Society of Lee County, detailing what it is the Committee is proposing to do. Discussion ensued regarding exploring this partnership with the Native Plant Society. Ms. Pardo brought up concerns for liability and legal issues that could arise from implementing such programming. Accessibility with making a web page or landing page, as well as the languages used to promote the program.

Discussion ensued regarding joining or teaming up with an already established program with another entities. Ms. Rainbolt clarified working with other entities not by endorsing but rather stating this is consistent with the Sanibel Plan and Sanibel Standards.

The Committee discussed the recognition process, noting the Native Plant Society native yard recognition is consistent with the Sanibel Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding commercial properties and the draw to get them to comply, landscapers voluntarily participating in a recognition program, as well as a FAQ sheet to spread more knowledge about how to be in compliance with Sanibel standards.

The Committee ultimately came to consensus to table this discussion indefinitely do to the challenges associated.

7. New Business**a. Vegetation Committee Article - Going Native & Coconut Palms**

Committeemember Brooks spoke to prioritizing pictures in the article, dividing into sections: native palms, tress, and shrubs, adding ground covers, and "Jamaican Caper" being listed twice. Discussion ensued regarding making a separate section for non-saltwater tolerant plants.

Regarding the Coconut Palm article, the Committee complimented Ms. Pardo her photo examples. Discussion ensued regarding various edits to the article.

8. Reports**a. Natural Resources Staff Liaison Report**

Rachel Rainbolt gave a brief report regarding permits awaiting inspections from the Natural Resources Department at this time.

b. Chairperson's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

c. Committeemember Reports

Committeemember Pardo requested an update on the Environmental Handbook at a future meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date

- a. Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ the Sanibel Recreation Center

10. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.