



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft Vegetation Committee

Thursday, September 5, 2024

1:30 PM

BIG ARTS - 900 Dunlop Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:34 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Chairperson Barbara Boyce, Vice Chair Mariana Pardo, Committee Member Barbara Horvath, Committee Member Pamela Miller, Committee Member Vincent Simonelli and Committee Member Barb Wyskowski

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Claudia Hoffman

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

Committee member Miller moved, seconded by Vice Chair Pardo to excuse absent Committee member Hoffman. The motion carried.

Excused: 1 - Committeemember Claudia Hoffman

4. Consent Agenda

Adoption of the July 11, 2024 meeting minutes

Vice Chair Pardo moved, seconded by Committee member Horvath to adopt the July 11, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public were in attendance at this time.

6. Old Business

a. Vegetation Committee Article - Native Palms

Committee members reviewed and briefly discussed minor edits to the Native Palms article:

- Everglades Palm missing scientific name
- adding Sawtooth Palm precaution for trimmers hands

Committee member Miller moved, seconded by Vice Chair Pardo to approve the Vegetation

Committee Article - Native Palms for publishing;

Excused: 1 - Committeemember Claudia Hoffman

b. Vegetation Committee Article - Rain Gardens

Vice Chair Pardo spoke to the concept of the rain gardens.

Edits to the rain garden, the last set of boxes, Plant listing discussion, disclaimers at the bottom of the list. not as an attachment to the article. Not finding information for wildlife value, but plenty on water quality and cleaning. submit a proposal to the master gardner society to identify the plants, with signs with qr codes. clarified not the grant, master gardner trainees, make cheat sheets for the plant walks, add native plant walk updates to the next agenda.

time to tweek signs and suggested language to use on the new signage.

reminder to use as the guide, not specific to sanibel, identify plants to replace after hurricane ian, not typical of rain gardens but do well on sanibel and in rain garden conditions.

begining, what is a rain garden.... garden of native plants, formed in a natural depression that at times retain water,

Limit to words on the article, rainbolt noted trying to limit to a page, page and a half with photos.

spoke to the plant list and publishing it to the public,

have the ones on the shade trees,

c. Vegetation Committee Educational Packet for 50th Anniversary Celebration

Committee members discussed the educational packet as well as any additional materials or documents to add.

Vice Chair Pardo moved, seconded by Committee member Simonelli to approve sending the Native Palms article in addition to the Educational Packet for the 50th Anniversary. The motion carried.

Excused: 1 - Committeemember Claudia Hoffman

7. New Business**8. Reports****a. Natural Resources Staff Liaison Report**

Natural Resources Staff Liaison, Rachel Rainbolt, introduced new staff of the Natural Resources Department, Erin.

Ms. Rainbolt reported on the following:

- Florida Wildflower Foundation Grant for City Hall Planting project, commencing after sidewalks are completed
- New Shared Use Path (SUP) sections being constructed along Palm Ridge Road and native trees being identified for minimized impacts within the construction areas

b. Chairperson's Report

Chair Boyce gave a brief report regarding effects of storm surge from Hurricane Debby on Horizontal Cocoplum. Ms. Boyce further inquired about the Sanibel weir system which Ms. Rainbolt noted the proper contact for the matter would be the City's Engineer, Oisin Dolley.

c. Committeemember Reports

Committee member Wycowski noted that Chris Lechowicz at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) wants to come and discuss with the committee urban swales and planting for box turtles at the next meeting on Thursday November 7th at 1:30.

9. Next Meeting Date

- a.** Thursday, October 10, 2024 at BIG ARTS

10. Public Comment

No public were in attendance at this time.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.