



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft Vegetation Committee

Thursday, July 3, 2025

1:30 PM

Sanibel Recreation Center - 3880 Sanibel Captiva Rd.

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:31 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wyskowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Chair Barb Wyskowski, Committee Member Barbara Boyce, Vice Chair Pamela Miller and Committee Member Vincent Simonelli

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Barbara Horvath

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

Committee Member Miller moved, seconded by Committee Member Boyce, to excuse absent Committee Member Horvath. The motion carried.

Excused: 1 - Committeemember Barbara Horvath

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of the June 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Miller moved, seconded by Committee Member Boyce, to adopt the June 5, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

6. Program

a. Rain Gardens, Mariana Pardo - Florida Master Gardener

Mariana Pardo provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Rain Gardens and provided a brief history of the Florida Master Gardener program.

Public Comment:

Gertrude Gur - Ms. Gur spoke to her home and the landscape on her property. Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Gur's home after Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Milton. Discussion continued regarding Evolvus.

Barbara Boyce - Ms. Boyce spoke to blue days.

Nacy Sperdy - Ms. Sperdy inquired about information regarding iguanas. Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt provided Ms. Sperdy with her business card to assist with reporting iguanas.

Isabella Rossi - Ms. Rossi inquired about where to find information on vegetation that would be best suited for her condominiums landscape. Discussion ensued regarding hiring a landscaping company and asking them to plant certain vegetation. Ms. Pardo responded with links that Ms. Rossi would find helpful to locate the information.

7. Old Business

a. Vegetation Committee Article - Fragrant Plants

Chair Wyskowski spoke to additional information that would be added to an article in progress. Committee Member Boyce spoke to grammar in the article.

8. New Business

a. Guest Speaker Schedule

Discussion ensued regarding Sarah Burke from the Florida Wildlife Foundation holding a presentation in November for the Vegetation Committee as well as the possibility of Toni Westland, Resilient Garden Ranger from Ding Darling to hold a presentation as well.

9. Reports

a. Natural Resources Liaison Report

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to submitting a final report to the Florida Wildlife Foundation.

b. Chairpersons Report

Chair Wyskowski had nothing to report.

c. Committee Member Report

Discussion ensued regarding lining up articles. Ms. Rainbolt spoke to the new city website and where to keep an eye out for the new articles from the vegetation committee.

Discussion ensued regarding timeframe and timelines of when new articles would be published.

Discussion ensued regarding re-publication of older articles.

10. Next Meeting Date

- a. Next Meeting Date Thursday, September 4, 2025

11. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

12. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 P.M.