



# City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road  
Sanibel, FL 33957

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Vegetation Committee

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Thursday, December 4, 2025

1:30 PM

MacKenzie Hall - 800 Dunlop Road

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### 1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:31 P.M.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Miller led the pledge of allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Committee Member Barbara Boyce, Committee Member Barbara Horvath and Vice Chair Pamela Miller

**Absent:** 3 - Chair Barb Wyskowski, Committee Member Ruth Brooks and Committee Member Vincent Simonelli

#### a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

**Committee Member Boyce moved, seconded by Committee Member Horvath, to excuse absent Committee Member Simonelli and Chair Wyskowski. The motion carried.**

**Excused:** 6 - Committeemember Barb Wyskowski, Committeemember Barbara Boyce, Committeemember Barbara Horvath, Committeemember Ruth Brooks, Committeemember Pamela Miller and Committeemember Vincent Simonelli

### 4. Consent Agenda

#### a. Adoption of the November 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes

### 5. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

### 6. Programs

#### a. Vegetable Gardening on Island - Frances Tutt, Sanibel Resident

Vice Chair Miller introduce Frances Tutt, a Sanibel resident.

Frances Tutt provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding building an outside garden on Sanibel. Ms. Tutt gave a brief background of her experiences. Ms. Tutt spoke to worm and fruit compost fertilizer, eatable plants, pests, and plantings that

best survive on Sanibel. Links provided in the PowerPoint for helpful tips.

Public Comment:

Marium Pepper - How much sun do you get on your land and how much can you get if you do not have sunlight on your land. Ms. Tutt responded stating she will move the plants around, but lot of sun is not necessary.

Bob Morris - Spoke to compost needed, attraction of rats, and the location of the compost.

Susan Hecht - Spoke to grow bags and the ratio of compost in each pot. Discussion ensued regarding banana plantings.

Joan Sandaucourt - Where do you get the worms from or specific kind of worms. Ms. Tutt responded back to her PowerPoint presentation where she gets her worms and the type of worms. Is there a specific time of year for a specific season of growing vegetables. Ms. Tutt responded with what vegetables and herbs are good all year round and referred back to her presentation on where to find which vegetables grow best during the certain times of years.

Vice Chair Miller spoke to Mr. Morris comment on rising garden. Discussion ensued regarding Red Wigglers or African Worms.

## 7. Old Business

### a. Arbor Day Event Planning

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to last months meeting on calling to see what trees would be available. Limitation on available supply due to the Hurricanes. Pigeon Plumb, Tamarind, Mahogany, Sea grape, Gumbo Limbo, and Live Oak are available and the recommendation from the suppliers.

Discussion ensued on which tree would be best suited for the planting at City Hall for Arbor Day. The location of the exact location on city hall ground is unknown at this moment. Top choice would be Tamarind, second choice would be Pigeon Plumb.

Discussion ensued regarding the honoring of the planting. Discussion ensued regarding last years honoring and possibly first responders this year if they were not honored last year.

Discussion ensued regarding Farmers Market display for Arbor Day. The committee came to a consensus on January 11, 2026. Discussion continued regarding the hours of the Farmers Market and loan trees from SCCF.

Committee Member Brooks will hold an additional plant walk on January 9, 2026 at 9 A.M. for Arbor Day.

Discussion ensued regarding collecting recycled paper at the Recreation for an upcycling mural for Arbor Day.

## **8. Reports**

### **a. Natural Resources Liaison Report**

Rachel spoke to the application for the TreeCity USA. The City of Sanibel has been selected and approved for receiving the TreeCity designation with the Arbor Day Foundation for the 37th year.

### **b. Chairperson's Report**

Vice Chair Miller spoke to the publication of articles. Ms. Rainbolt spoke to the website has been published on the City's Website. Discussion ensued regarding Press releases being sent out to the public.

Vice Chair Miller inquired about the latest addition of the Environmental Handbook being updated on the Natural Resources page on the City's website. Ms. Rainbolt responded informing the Committee that the updated Environmental Handbook is still being finalized.

### **c. Committee Member Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **9. Next Meeting Date**

### **a. Thursday, January 8, 2026 at MacKenzie Hall**

## **10. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

## **11. Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 P.M.