



# City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road  
Sanibel, FL 33957

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Vegetation Committee

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Thursday, March 6, 2025

1:30 PM

MacKenzie Hall - 800 Dunlop Road

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### 1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:30 P.M.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Boyce led the pledge of allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

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

All Committee members were present.

### 4. Consent Agenda

- a. Adoption of the September 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
Adoption of the February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Horvath moved, seconded by Committee Member Miller to approve the adoption of the September 5, 2024 and the February 6, 2025 meeting minutes with scrivener errors corrected.

Feb. 6th Meeting Minutes corrections:

Java Plum spelt incorrectly, take away the "b."

Earleaf acacia is missing from the plant list.

### 5. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

**Program****a. Hurricane Resilient Landscaping - Jenny Evans, Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)**

Jenny Evans Adult Education Director from Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding landscape post hurricanes and storm surge water damage.

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the city's Natural Resources Department providing guidance to residence regarding corrective and/or restorative trimming.

**Public Comment:**

Marianna Pardo - Inquired about an appropriate timeframe to begin trimming branches after seeing dead tissue. Ms. Evans responded to when and how to cut the tissue, the scratch test, and how to determine if the plant tissue is alive or dead.

Discussion ensued regarding seashore drop seed as well as similar saltmarsh vegetation and their sustainability post Hurricane Ian, Debbie, and Milton.

Ms. Evans discussed differences in landscaping plants and ground covers.

**Public Comment:**

Marianna Pardo - Inquired about the propagule for the red mangroves. Ms. Pardo spoke to her and her neighbors finding propagules far from their usual habitat. Ms. Evans responded to leaving the propagules and see what happens.

Discussion ensued regarding mangroves and the Mangrove Protection Act.

Ms. Evans provided information and websites on where you can find out more information on native plants and locations within Florida that the plants are native to.

Discussion ensued regarding recommendations on hardwood trees with a higher survival rate.

Natural Resource Joel Caouette requested Ms. Evans to touch on properties post storm with large vegetation that survived and the importance of saving the current vegetation before adding more to the landscaping.

**6. Old Business**

**a. 2024 Vegetation Committee Annual Report Draft**

Natural Resource Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the Annual Report Draft being sent to City Council.

**b. Native Plant Walk Reports**

Committee Member Brooks spoke to the attendance of the Native Plant Walk participation.

\* On Wednesday three (3) participants.

\* On Saturday eight (8) participants.

**c. 2025 National Invasive Species Awareness Week**

Committee spoke to the Farmers Market and the turn out as well as the booth set up.

Discussion ensued regarding comments for the next annual report.

**7. New Business**

**8. Reports**

**a. Natural Resources Liaison Report**

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to Public Works annual trimming and native plant identification signage at City Hall.

**b. Chairperson's Report**

Chair Boyce complicated on the Rain Gardens at City Hall.

**c. Committee Member Report**

No Committee Member Reports at this time.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

**a. Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Mackenzie Hall**

**10. Public Comment**

No public in attendance at this time.

## **11. Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 P.M.