



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft Vegetation Committee

Thursday, June 5, 2025

1:30 PM

MacKenzie Hall - 800 Dunlop Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wyskowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

- a. Motion to excuse absent Committee Member(s): Pam Miller

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

Absent: 2 - Committeemember Ruth Brooks and Committeemember Pamela Miller

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Adoption of the May 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Under agenda item number 6 - Presentation, there were spelling errors. Committee inquired about fixing the grammar errors. Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the process on correcting the errors.

5. Public Comment

There is no public in the audience at this time.

6. Old Business

- a. Education Articles

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to a drafted evapotranspiration letter submitted to staff for preliminary review. Ms. Rainbolt explained that the letter was sent back for additional edits due to the fact it was intertwining with the storm water management, and the primary focus of the letter needs to be vegetation and the vegetation benefits. Ms. Rainbolt stated once the revisions are made, she will forward the letter to the committee for committee comments.

Committee Member Boyce spoke to the drafted evapotranspiration article publication on the next-door app and the feedback it received.

Discussion ensued regarding the next steps on the evapotranspiration presentation presented by Mark Thompson and where the presentation could be located. Discussion continued regarding if there would be a possibility to publish the article along with the presentation on the city's website.

Discussion ensued regarding mangroves. The committee inquired if the city has planted any new mangrove vegetation. Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the different restoration sites that have been evaluated most of which are preserves managed by Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). The city recently installed black mangroves and white mangroves in the back area of City Hall for the purpose of the native plant walks. Ms. Rainbolt continued to speak to mangrove installation and mentioned the partnership between the city and Coastal watch in the Blind Pass area.

Discussion ensued regarding vegetation permits and reviewal plans for subdivisions around the island.

Discussion ensued regarding potential article written from Committee Member Simonelli.

7. New Business

a. Guest Speaker Schedule and Topics

Discussion ensued regarding a list of potential guest speakers who are interested in providing a presentation for future committee meetings.

*Mariana Prado

*Ed Holden

*Frances Tut

*Dr. Vincent Encomio

Discussion ensued regarding a compost specialist as a potential guest speaker. Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt requested that the committee email her their suggested topics and ideas for guest speakers.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling Mariana Prado to discuss Raingardens for the July vegetation meeting. Ms. Rainbolt requested that Mariana send in a bio and a two or three sentence description of the topic for publication from the city's Public Information Officer (PIO).

Discussion ensued regarding ideas for new education articles and the expectations of what the committee wants to see on the articles.

The committee inquired about the new resident reception and the possibility of the having a table or to hand out pamphlets or education articles into the city bags.

Discussion ensued regarding how frequently the committee would like to schedule guest speakers, monthly or quarterly.

Rachel Rainbolt provided a suggestion for a guest speaker.

8. Reports

a. Natural Resources Liaison Report

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the city launching a new website. The Natural resources Department encourages the committee to review the website and let the natural resources department know of any suggestions the committee may have to be added to the website. Ms. Rainbolt spoke to the goal of the new website.

Ms. Rainbolt spoke to the fertilizer black out period July 1st - September 30th each year.

Ms. Rainbolt spoke to a request grant proposal the Natural Resources Department submitted in December 2024 to the Florida Forestry Service grant, they were notified they were selected recipient. Discussion ensued regarding the grant and the stipulations that go along with the grant.

b. Chairperson Report

Chair Wyskowki spoke to SanCap Resilience and their plans to restart the landscaping group.

c. Committee Member Reports

Nothing to report from the Committee Members at this time.

9. Next Meeting Date

a. Next Meeting Date Thursday, July 3, 2025

10. Public Comment

No public in the audience at this time.

11. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meet convened at 2:18 P.M.