



Meeting Minutes - Draft
Vegetation Committee

Thursday, November 7, 2024

1:30 PM

Recreation Center - 3880 Sanibel Captiva Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 1:32 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Boyce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Chairperson Barbara Boyce, Vice Chair Mariana Pardo, Committee Member Claudia Hoffinan, Committee Member Vincent Simonelli, Committee Member Barb Wyskowski and Committee Member Ruth Brooks

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Barbara Horvath and Committee Member Pamela Miller

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

Vice Chair Pardo, seconded by Committee Member Hoffman, to excuse absent Committee Member Horvath and Committee Member Miller. The motion carried.

Excused: 2 - Committeemember Barbara Horvath and Committeemember Pamela Miller

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of the September 5, 2024 meeting minutes

Committee Member Hoffman moved, seconded by Chair Boyce, to approve the adoption of the September 5, 2024, meeting minutes with scrivener's error corrected. The motion carried.

Excused: 2 - Committeemember Barbara Horvath and Committeemember Pamela Miller

5. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

6. Old Business

a. Vegetation Committee Article - Rain Gardens

Staff Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to staffs' ability to adding a list in a hyperlink within the article prior to publication.

Committee Member Wyskowski moved, seconded by Committee Member Hoffman, to approve the Rain Gardens Article for publication. The motion carried.

Excused: 2 - Committeemember Barbara Horvath and Committeemember Pamela Miller

b. Vegetation Committee Article - Native Palms

Committee Member Simonelli moved, seconded by Vice Chair Pardo, to approve the Native Palm Article. The motion carried.

Excused: 2 - Committeemember Barbara Horvath and Committeemember Pamela Miller

7. New Business

a. 2025 Vegetation Committee Meeting Schedule

Discussion ensued regarding maintaining the same schedule as in previous years with minor adjustments due to holiday concerns. The schedule will remain the same, the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 P.M.

Committee Member Hoffman moved, seconded by Vice Chair Pardo, to approve the 2025 Vegetation Committee Meeting Schedule. The motion carried.

Excused: 2 - Committeemember Barbara Horvath and Committeemember Pamela Miller

b. 2024-2025 Native Plant Walk Schedule

Committee Member Simonelli moved, seconded by Committee Member Hoffman, to approve the Plant Walk Schedule based on the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of the month from December through April, allowing for the option to add additional dates as desired. The motion carried.

Excused: 2 - Committeemember Barbara Horvath and Committeemember Pamela Miller

c. 2025 Arbor Day Event Planning

Staff Liaison Rachel Rainbolt provided a brief background on the Arbor Day Event from previous years. Ms. Rainbolt spoke to changes that have occurred throughout the years.

Discussion ensued regarding Committee Member Wyskowski attending the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting on November 20th at 1 P.M. at the Recreation Center.

Discussion ensued regarding the 50th anniversary tree installation at Community Park. Ms. Rainbolt informed the committee that the Natural Resources Department has been in contact with a repeat nursery contractor for a list of approved trees, the list will be provided to the volunteer prior to the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee

meeting.

Ms. Rainbolt provided the day the event will take place which will be on the third Friday of the month in January. The time of the event is subject to change.

8. Reports

a. Natural Resources Staff Liaison Report

Staff Liaison Rainbolt spoke to Hurricane Helene and Milton recovery efforts from the Natural Resource Department. Ms. Rainbolt informed the committee that the Natural Resources Department has been working with the Public Works Department on the Tree City USA Designation Application. Discussion ensued regarding Tree City USA designation.

b. Chairperson's Report

Chair Boyce spoke to resilient plants and trees, storm surge and weirs education, and encouraging native plantings through the articles. Ms. Rainbolt advised the committee that they could educate but not provide services for planning or designing. Master Gardeners can do yard consultations for free and attend a class. Discussion ensued regarding what plants survived the storm surges and what didn't.

c. Committeemember Reports

Vice Chair Pardo inquired about the presentation from Chris Lechowicz at Sanibel Captive Conservation Foundation Ms. Rainbolt informed the committee due to Hurricane Milton the presentation will be on the December 5, 2024, meeting agenda.

9. Next Meeting Date

- a. Thursday, December 5, 2024 at BIG ARTS

10. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

11. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M.