



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft Vegetation Committee

Thursday, May 7, 2026

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

Present: 6 - Committee Member Barbara Boyce, Committee Member Barbara Horvath, Committee Member Barb Wyskowski, Committee Member David Muench, Committee Member Pamela Miller and Committee Member Vincent Simonelli

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

All committee members were present.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes

Committee Member Muench moved, seconded by Vice Chair Miller to adopt the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion carried,

5. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

6. Old Business

a. 2026 Earth Day Event Report

Chair Wyskowski spoke to the 2026 Earth Day Event and provided a brief overview of the event turnout. Discussion ensued regarding visitation to the Vegetation Committee table.

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt requested recommendations from the Vegetation Committee to improve future Earth Day events. The committee suggested additional signage related to vegetation, as well as signage displaying event hours and

the rotation schedule for the Plant Walk.

7. New Business

a. Vegetation Committee Article - Carrotwood

The Committee discussed comments and corrections to the Carrotwood article.

* Removal of "habitat invasion" due to duplicate information.

Rachel Rainbolt spoke to adding images to the final draft of the article. Discussion ensued regarding a future FISC article, potentially focusing on Milkweed.

Discussion ensued regarding educational information and the Committee's responsibility for providing educational materials to the public, including articles.

Discussion ensued regarding the invasive species list and whether the Committee is responsible for adding or removing species from the list. Rachel Rainbolt explained the process for updating the invasive species list. Discussion continued regarding Carrotwood and its codification.

Discussion ensued regarding the Washington Fan Palm potentially becoming an issue on the island and the possibility of it being the subject of a future Committee article.

Discussion ensued regarding educating homeowners on mulch used in landscaping, specifically free mulch obtained from landscapers. The Committee discussed concerns that improperly cured mulch may contribute to the spread of invasive species.

8. Reports

a. Natural Resources Liaison Report

Rachel Rainbolt provided the following updates to the Vegetation Committee:

* At the May 5, 2026, City Council meeting, Council approved the second reading of the vegetation standards related to commercial buffers.

* Community Park Planting: More than 60 canopy-category trees are being installed this week.

* Roots and Resiliency applied for funding pertaining to the Causeway Boulevard corridor planting project.

* Staff is finalizing the dune planting project.

Discussion ensued regarding the vegetation buffer standards and the recently adopted amendments.

b. Chairpersons' Report

Chair Wyskowski spoke to a potential guest speaker, Mark Young, who has been involved with the Causeway planting project. The proposed topic would focus on native trees being installed along the Causeway in Lee County.

Chair Wyskowski continued discussion regarding additional potential guest speakers for future meetings.

c. Committee Members Report

Nothing to report.

Discussion ensued regarding coordinating with the City's Public Information Officer (PIO) on the development of a Rain Garden video for the Vegetation Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the planting component of the planting grant fund.

9. Next Meeting Date

- a.** Thursday, June 4, 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 2:06 P.M.