



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft Vegetation Committee

Thursday, January 8, 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 - Chair Barb Wyskowski, Committee Member Barbara Boyce, Committee Member Barbara Horvath, Committee Member Ruth Brooks, Vice Chair Pamela Miller and Committee Member Vincent Simonelli

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

All members were present.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of the December 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Miller moved, seconded by Committee Member Horvath to adopt the December, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public in attendance at this time.

6. Old Business

a. Native Plant Walk Report

Committee Member Brooks provided an update to the Native Plant Walks.
- The first native plant walk of the season had no attendees.
- The second native plant walk of the season had 2 attendees.

Discussion ensued regarding publication of the Native Plant Walks in the newspaper.

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b. Arbor Day Event Planning

Natural Resource Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to the Arbor Day ceremony as well as the tree planting and dedication at the recreation center at the playground.

Ms. Rainbolt spoke to the program events of the Arbor Day and a table at the Farmers Market for Arbor Day not being available due to The Farmers Market being at full capacity for vendors.

c. National Invasive Species Awareness Week Event Planning

Natural Resource Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to National Invasive Species Awareness Week being February 23rd -27th. A table is reserved for the committee at the Farmers Market and the run of articles that are published every year during this week.

Discussion ensued regarding the order of articles for publication of the National Invasive Species Awareness Week.

Discussion ensued regarding different types of articles on different native plants.

d. Guest Speaker Calendar

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to upcoming the upcoming guest speakers.

- February, Principal Planner Kim Ruiz will be discussing Living Shorelines.
- March, Joshua Comer from Joshua Trees, Topic still unknown at this time.
- April, no vegetation committee meeting
- May, Cheryl Vanderheyden will discuss Tree Health/Tree Diseases.

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt spoke to Roots and Resilience being interested in doing a formal talk at a Vegetation Committee Meeting.

7. Reports**a. Natural Resources Liaison Report**

Natural Resources Liaison Rachel Rainbolt invited the committee to come to the proclamation reading at the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

Ms. Rainbolt spoke to the Clerk's office advertising for applications for reappointments and new applications for the Vegetation Committee starting

January 26, 2026 - February 11, 2026.

b. Chairpersons Report

Nothing to report at this time.

c. Committee Member Report

Vice Chair Miller spoke to the next four (4) Native Plant Articles and their publication, as well as being handed out at the Native Plant Walk.

Discussion ensued regarding publication of Native Plant Articles and where the Native Plant Articles can be located.

8. Next Meeting Date

a. Thursday, February 5, 2026 at MacKenzie Hall

9. Public Comment

No public in attendance at this time.

10. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 P.M.