



# City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road  
Sanibel, FL 33957

## Meeting Minutes - Final Vegetation Committee

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Thursday, February 2, 2023

1:30 PM

BIG ARTS - 900 Dunlop Rd

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### 1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Chairperson Pamela Miller, Vice Chair Barbara Horvath, Committee Member Barbara Boyce, Committee Member Claudia Hoffman, Committee Member Edward Holden, Committee Member Mariana Pardo and Adjunct Committee Member Ruth Brooks

**Absent:** 3 - Committee Member Phyllis Gresham, Adjunct Committee Member Phillip Marks and Adjunct Committee Member Jennifer Maughan

#### a. Motion to Excuse Absent Members:

**Committee Member Holden moved, seconded by Committee Member Pardo to excuse absent Committee Member Gresham. The motion carried.**

**Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Gresham

### 4. Consent Agenda

#### a. Adoption of Minutes - January 5, 2023

Discussion ensued regarding corrections to the minutes.

**Committee Member Pardo moved, seconded by Committee Member Holden to adopt the January 5, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried.**

**Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Gresham

### 5. Public Comment

Public Comment:  
- Roy Gibson

### 6. Old Business

#### a. Arbor Day at Sanibel City Hall

Chair Miller detailed the various aspects of the celebration and thanked staff and

citizenry for participating.

Ms. Rachel Rainbolt, Staff Liaison, highlighted the in-person aspects which the City has not been able to provide due to the pandemic and other reasons.

**b. 2022 Annual Report**

Chair Miller noted the changes from the last meeting and the finalization scheduled for the March 2nd meeting. Discussion ensued regarding additional minor changes.

**c. Vegetation Committee Articles**

Ms. Rainbolt noted administrative staff would publish articles on the first and second Saturdays of each month.

**d. Native Plant Walks**

Discussion ensued regarding the ability to resume in-person plant walks which Ms. Rainbolt noted this was still being determined with staff. Discussion continued regarding updating the plant walk hand-outs and other materials.

## **7. New Business**

**a. National Invasive Species Awareness Week Planning (February 20-26, 2023)**

Discussion ensued regarding articles for posting during Native Invasive Plant Species Awareness Week. Due to limited resources and time, the committee is unable to set up a display at the Sanibel Farmers Market this year.

**b. Vegetation Committee Guest Speaker Lecture Series**

Discussion ensued regarding the lecture series. The Committee noted the first in the series would be Thursday, March 2, 2023 with Dr. Stephen Brown at BIG ARTS starting at 3 pm, following the March meeting. Discussion continued regarding additional speakers and logistics going forward.

## **8. Reports**

**a. Natural Resources Department**

Ms. Rainbolt spoke in regards to communications with property owners about site inspections and the current workload of the department.

**b. Council Liaison Report**

Councilman Crater thanked the Committee and briefly spoke to considering evening meetings for the Lecture Series in order to catch some of the working families of the Island.

**c. Committee Comments**

Committee Member Brooks spoke to touring City Hall after the last meeting and commented on the status of the plants that are still on the grounds. Ms. Rainbolt noted the Natural Resources Department working to make the campus safe for conducting native plant walks. Further commenting that the Committee would have to work with BIG ARTS if conducting any walks on their property. Discussion ensued regarding signage for the plants and the ability to take the plant walks to home owners associations as well as condo associations. The committee further spoke to supporting Councils state legislature proposals which Dr. Crater spoke to not acquiring a state level sponsor in favor of the item.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

- a. 2023 Upcoming Meeting Dates at 1:30 p.m.
  - i. Thursday March 2, 2023
- b. 2023 Upcoming Vegetation Competency & Fertilizer Class & Test Dates
  - i. Friday, April 1, 2023
  - ii. Friday, April 21, 2023

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.