

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

9:00 AM

Rodenticide Workshop

Community Room

Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee

*Chair: John Quinlan
Vice-Chair: Maria Lamb*

*Members: Mark Morze,
Dustin Nesmith, Chris Ricci,
Linda Ryan, Jim Scarpa*

*Staff Liaisons: Daniel Smith, Mary Holden,
Amber Stonik*

(1) CALL TO ORDER

chair Quinlan called the meeting to order.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice-Chair Lamb, Member Morze, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Quinlan

Not Present: 2 - Member Nesmith and Member Ricci

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by chair Quinlan.

(4) PUBLIC COMMENT (TIME CERTAIN 9:05)

City citizen Nanette Rivera shared her thoughts and concerns regarding the Rodenticide solutions and wildlife.

(5) [ID 25-4425](#) Introduction and Workshop Objectives

Member Ryan introduced the purpose of the Rodenticide Workshop, outlining the objectives and setting the stage for the discussions to follow. She emphasized the importance of understanding rodenticide use, its impacts, and best practices for effective and responsible application.

(6) [ID 25-4426](#) Current Facts, Data, and Available Resources on Rodenticide Impact on Wildlife (overall and locally)

Brittany Piersma, representing Audubon Western Everglades, presented current facts and data regarding the impact of rodenticides on wildlife. She highlighted recent studies showing how rodenticide exposure can harm Owl species, emphasizing the need for increased awareness and mitigation strategies.

Lauren Barkley, Wildlife Hospital Manager at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, discussed the range of wildlife brought into their care. She highlighted common causes of injury and distress, including unknown trauma, migration stress, unidentified diseases, car strikes, red tide exposure, and poisoning. she placed special emphasis on the significant impact of rodenticides on wildlife. She shared specific cases from the wildlife hospital that demonstrated the harmful effects of rodenticide poisoning across different species. she concluded by underscoring the importance of preventative measures to protect local fauna from these threats.

(7) [ID 25-4427](#) Alternatives to Rodenticide and Relative Cost, Effectiveness, & Local Availability

Member Scarpa shared some information on local availability alternatives to rodenticide, discussing their relative cost and effectiveness.

(8) [ID 25-4428](#) Summary of Pest Control Providers on Marco Island

Member Scarpa provided details about some local pest control companies that serve Marco Island.

(9) [ID 25-4429](#) Good Bites Pilot Program

Alaina Gonzalez and Dr. Loretta Mayer White from Wisdom Good Works presented the Good Bites Pilot Program to develop alternative solutions to poison use.

Committee members questioned Alaina Gonzalez, and Dr. Loretta Mayer regarding Good Bites Pilot Program.

(10) [ID 25-4430](#) Discussion and Action Items on Objective 1

This was a discussion and action Items on Objective 1 on Raising awareness of issues and alternatives available.

Committee members, and audience shared their suggestions to add to Objective 1 on Raising awareness of issues and alternatives available.

(11) [ID 25-4431](#) Discussion and Action Items on Objective 2

This was a discussion and action Items on Objective 2 on partnering with pest control providers.

Committee members and audience shared their suggestions to add to Objective 2 on partnering with pest control providers.

(12) [ID 25-4432](#) Discussion and Action Items on Objective 3

This was a discussion and action Items on Objective 3 on partnering with Wisdom Good Works/ Good Bites

Committee members and audients shared their suggestions to add to Objective 3 on partnering with Wisdom Good Works/ Good Bites

(13) WRAP UP

Committee members wrapped up the Workshop meeting by announcing that the next committee meeting will be on August 20th, 2025.

Vice Chair Lamb suggested that each member independently develop an idea related to item number 1 before the next meeting.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Daisy Martinez, Administrative Technician

NOTE: TWO OR MORE CITY COUNCILORS OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT