

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

9:00 AM

Community Room

Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee

*Chair: Chris Ricci
Vice-Chair: Dustin Nesmith*

*Members: Maria Lamb,
Mark Morze, John Quinlan,
Linda Ryan, Jim Scarpa*

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

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ricci called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Vice-Chair Nesmith, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Ricci

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Ricci.

Chair Ricci requested a motion to allow member Quinlan to participate in the meeting remotely.

MOTION by Member Ryan, seconded by Vice-Chair Nesmith, to allow member Quinlan to participate in the meeting remotely. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Vice-Chair Nesmith, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Ricci

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Lamb requested that a discussion item be added to the agenda regarding an update to winterberry access.

MOTION by Member Ryan, seconded by Vice-Chair Nesmith, that this be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Vice-Chair Nesmith, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Ricci

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 26-5349](#) March 18, 2026, meeting minutes.

MOTION by Member Quinlan, seconded by Member Scarpa, that this Minutes be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Vice-Chair Nesmith, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Ricci

(6) PUBLIC COMMENT (TIME CERTAIN 9:05 A.M..)

Lindsay Boehner, a resident of the city, actively contributed information and offered support to member Quinlan's proposal for gopher tortoise signage.

(7) OLD BUSINESS

7A [ID 26-5332](#) Attendance Policy

Chair Ricci shared details about the committee's attendance policy.

7B [ID 26-5333](#) Update on proposed beach code amendment

Chair Ricci provided updated information regarding the proposed amendment to the beach code. He noted that the amendment passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0. Amber Stonik then gave an update on mapping strikes, acknowledging that the current spreadsheet does not include specific addresses. Efforts are underway to enhance mapping accuracy by obtaining GPS coordinates, and there are plans to incorporate this data into future presentations.

7C [ID 26-5334](#) Finalize volunteer cleanup t-shirt layout & cost

Member Lamb provided an update on the current T-shirt inventory, detailing the available stock for upcoming events. An overview of the T-shirt prices was shared, outlining the cost per t-shirt.

Motion by Member Ryan, seconded by Member Lamb, to approve the selection of dry-fit short-sleeve shirt for \$11.31 per shirt. This order will generate a total of 521 shirts over the next four years. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Ricci

Abstain: 1 - Vice-Chair Nesmith

MOTION by Member Quinlan, seconded by Member Lamb, to approve the green color for the t-shirt. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Vice-Chair Nesmith, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan and Member Scarpa

No: 1 - Chair Ricci

The Chair of the Beautification Advisory Committee provided an update on the Winterberry access plans. He noted that their efforts are not only centered on significant improvements, such as enhancing the beach entrance, but also on smaller additions that enhance the overall experience. These include installing murals and attractive fencing to create inviting walkways. These enhancements reflect a commitment to making the area more welcoming and visually appealing for both residents and visitors.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

8A [ID 26-5335](#)

Review of current budget 2025-2026 and proposed 2026/2027 budget.

The committee members reviewed the current budget for 2025-2026 as well as the proposed budget for 2026-2027.

The committee members participated in a thorough review of the current budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026. This process involved examining the financial allocations, expenditures, and overall budget performance to ensure that all objectives and requirements were met.

In addition to reviewing the existing budget, the committee also evaluated the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2026-2027. This discussion allowed members to consider future financial planning, assess anticipated needs, and ensure that the proposed allocations would support the committee's goals for the next year.

8B [ID 26-5336](#) Gopher Tortoise Strike Migration (John Quinlan)

Member Quinlan presented to the committee on the subject of Gopher Tortoise Strike Migration. The presentation highlighted key aspects of the migration patterns and the associated risks of strikes involving gopher tortoises. Committee members engaged in a discussion focused on the placement of new signs. The conversation centered on determining appropriate locations where these signs could be added to help raise awareness and potentially reduce the occurrence of gopher tortoise strikes.

There was a request was made to purchase signs for sea turtle nests. These signs are intended to provide protection and awareness for nesting sea turtles, ensuring their safety and informing the public of their presence.

MOTION by Member Quinlan, seconded by Member Scarpa, for the purchase of additional street decals and additional street signs to be placed in the two highest Gopher Tortoise strike zones on Marco Island. The placement of these signs and decals will be conducted under the direction of Audubon Western Everglades personnel. The total cost for this project is not to exceed \$3000.00.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Vice-Chair Nesmith, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Ricci

MOTION by Member Scarpa, seconded by Vice-Chair Nesmith, to purchase 200 signs intended for sea turtle nests. The cost for these signs is not to exceed \$350.00. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Vice-Chair Nesmith, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Ricci

8C [ID 26-5337](#) Discussion of draft rodenticide video

Member Ryan provided important information and reviewed the drafted rodenticide video.

There was a discussion about including information in the video regarding wildlife conservation solutions available in Marco Island.

8D [ID 26-5338](#) Project updates -other

The committee members shared updated information regarding the ongoing projects. These updates provided insight into the current status and progress of each project, ensuring that all members are informed and aligned.

(9) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

(Staff Liaison Ms. Amber Stonik, to provide an update)

None.

(10) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

During the meeting, Council member Bonita Schwan requested that Chair Needles of the Beautification Advisory Committee provide clarification on a statement made by Chair Ricci concerning Vice Chair Nesmith.

(12) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

There was a discussion regarding the next Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee meeting.

MOTION by Member Scarpa, seconded by Vice-Chair Nesmith, to cancel the scheduled June meeting and arrange a meeting in May that accommodates the availability of all committee members. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member Lamb, Member Morze, Vice-Chair Nesmith, Member Quinlan, Member Ryan, Member Scarpa and Chair Ricci

(13) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Proposed agenda topics for the next meeting:

- 1. discussion regarding rodenticide brochure*
- 2. Discussion of rodenticide video draft 2*

(14) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Member Scarpa informed the committee members that he currently serves on the board of Audubon Western Everglades.

Member Lamb provided details about the signage located at the critical wildlife area on Big Marco Pass.

(15) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Daisy Martinez, Administrative Technician

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