



City of Pensacola

Environmental Advisory Board

Agenda

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

January 8, 2026, 2:00 PM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

One or more members of City Council may be in attendance.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 26-87 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETINGS DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 AND NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes from September 4, 2025 and November 6, 2025.

Sponsors: Katie Dineen - Chair

Attachments: EAB Minutes September 4, 2025
EAB Minutes November 6, 2025

PRESENTATIONS

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 26-88 DISCUSSION: CANOPY RESTORATION PROJECT

Recommendation: This is a discussion item regarding a potential and pending Canopy Restoration Project; and the request for grant funding for said project.

Sponsors: Katie Dineen - Chair

Attachments: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

File #: 26-87

Environmental Advisory Board

1/8/2026

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Katie Dineen - Chair

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETINGS DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 AND NOVEMBER 6, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes from September 4, 2025 and November 6, 2025.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On September 4, 2025 and November 6, 2025 the EAB held meetings. This items seeks approval of the minutes from those meetings.

PRIOR ACTION:

September 4, 2025 -- EAB Meeting
November 6, 2025 -- EAB Meeting

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

Katherine Alexander, Environmental Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

1. EAB Minutes September 4, 2025
2. EAB Minutes November 6, 2025

PRESENTATION: No



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

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September 4, 2025

2:00 PM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Dineen. A quorum was established.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Katie Dineen, Chair, Neil Richards, Vice Chair, Jay Massey, Jordan Poole, Rachel Mahone

Members Absent: Blase Butts, Kelly Hagen, Katie Fox

Also Present: Don Kraher, Council Executive, Sonja Gaines, Council Assistant, Katherine Alexander, Environmental Coordinator, Chase Crawford, Arborist, Wendy Gavin, Street and Traffic Operations Division Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-1162 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED JULY 10, 2025 AND WORKSHOP DATED AUGUST 7, 2025.

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes for the Regular meeting dated July 10, 2025 and the Workshop dated August 7, 2025.

Motion made by Vice Chair Richards, seconded by Member Mahone to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 10, 2025, and the minutes of the Workshop dated August 7, 2025. The motion carried 5 - 0, with three members absent and one vacancy on the board.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations; however, if any Board member has something they would like to have a presentation on, reach out to Environmental Coordinator so that she can prepare and schedule.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Environmental Coordinator indicated that the final draft of the LDC will go out to the public this month for public engagement activities. She also provided updates on grants applied for in the Resilient Florida Program. These grants are both for implementation projects. They focus on flooding mitigation, stormwater improvement, including nature improvements like bio swells to tree wells. The two locations are Strong and "R" Street expanding the Maggie's Ditch area and on Main Street, near Joe Patti's. Also provided an update on the grant from the Pensacola Perdido Bay Estuaries Program to purchase more solar trash compacting bins and put them in Bayview Park and potentially one at Bruce Beach. With regard to the Bayview Park solar project, they are waiting for some court hearings in October to determine if the funding is still going to be there or be stripped away. In speaking with Code Enforcement about the naturalistic landscape program, they rarely receive calls about it and when they do, they understand if it is planted for a pollinator habitat or rain garden. With the tree giveaway program, possibly providing some information on the Florida Friendly Native Landscaping from an educational perspective. The City of Pensacola participates in the Community Rating System Program under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program. It aims to provide reductions in flood insurance premiums in the area. Every 5 years, we are audited to provide information and try to lower our number, which equates to a bigger discount on flood insurance premiums.

Member Massey inquired about the lack of trash receptacles on Pensacola's side of the bay bridge compared to the Gulf Breeze side and wondered who has jurisdiction over it.

Streets and Traffic Division Manager indicated there's a portion that is FDOT's, a portion that is the City's that is leased out to the Visitors Information Center and a portion that is the responsibility of Escambia County parks, as well as the City's parks department.

ACTION ITEMS

2. 25-1163 REQUEST FOR USE OF TREE PLANTING TRUST FUNDS FOR THE FY26 TREE CANOPY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) review the administration's request for the use of \$131,000 from the Tree Planting Trust Fund for the FY26 Tree Canopy Revitalization Project. Further that the EAB provide a recommendation to City Council.

Chair Dineen asked if there was any further discussion on the proposed action item, There was none.

Motion made by Member Massey, seconded by Member Richards to approve the request for the use of \$131,000 from the Tree Planting Trust Fund for the FY 26 Tree Canopy Revitalization Project. The motion carried 5 - 0, with three members absent and one vacancy on the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Mahone asked if the City is still designated as a Tree City USA and if there were signs that indicated such designation. The arborist responded yes, the City is still designated as a Tree City USA.

Board Member Richards mentioned the recent Sea Grant report on the sea grasses and survey on scallops and the low number and lack of scallops found in the bay systems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.



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November 6, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dineen. A quorum was not preent.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Katie Dineen, Chair, Neil Richards, Vice Chair, Jay Massey, Rachel Mahone

Members Absent: Blase Butts, Jordan Poole, Kelly Hagen, Katie Fox

Also Present: Don Kraher, Council Executive, Sonja Gaines, Council Assistant, Katherine Alexander, Environmental Coordinator, Wendy Gavin, Street and Traffic Operations Division Manager, Dr. Gloria Horning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-1411 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes from September 4, 2025.

Could not approve due to lack of quorum.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

2. 25-1460 STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation: That the EAB receive updates and communications from staff.

An application of interest for appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board has been received. Regarding the selection of Chair and Vice Chair, it was suggested that the existing Chair and Vice Chair remain in place until April, when the re-appointments are made. The selection of the Chair and Vice Chair will take place

at the May meeting.

Update was provided on the Tree Grant application process that will be made available on the City's website, along with frequently asked questions. It might be beneficial to have a timeline period where people can learn about the program, then a period where they can apply for a grant, and have it awarded that will coincide with the best time to plant trees in our area. The best time to plant trees is between October to March. It has to have Council approval after the EAB approves, so that is about a four-month process. A possible timeline could be from Earth Day celebration to August. A suggestion was made to see about having the tree grant process placed in the Play Pensacola brochure put out by the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as reaching out to the Council of Neighborhood Presidents (CNAP) to reach neighborhood associations. Another suggestion was to hold informational workshops/meetings with various tree cutting firms to enlighten them about the existing tree removal/pruning ordinances. A suggestion was also made to look at including schools in the available organizations for the tree grant submittal.

An update on the bids received for the tree planting was provided. Assuming City Council approves at the December meeting, there will be a little money left over and will look for additional sites.

Sarah Miller is the new intern for the arborist program. She is a student at Pensacola State College and is helping the arborist with permits, etc.

The City's website has been updated to include a link to the City arborist that includes what the program is about, tags main activities, and includes frequently asked questions.

In light of the current federal situation, the solar project proposed for Bayview Center has been scrapped. Other uses for the grant funds are being explored. However, since it is a federal grant, there are special guidelines that have to be followed.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. 25-1461 LDC UPDATE

Recommendation: That the EAB have a discussion regarding the proposed LDC adjustments that might have an environmental impact

Both board members Jay Massey and Katie Dineen were able to attend one or both of the LDC workshops and liked the direction the LDC is going, especially as it relates to native plants and making the community more walkable and bikeable.

They liked the way it would be more readable.

Environmental Coordinator referred the Board to look at Inspire's draft document that outlines the proposed changes to the LDC. She will share the link with the Board, so that they could review.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Dineen reported on the Eco-Kids day that was held at the Community Gardens. Planning will start for the Earth Day celebration. Anyone interested in helping plan, has suggestions or wants to volunteer, let her know. She also knows someone who is interested in serving on the Environmental Advisory Board. Council Executive suggested that she have the person submit an application of interest to serve through the City Clerk's Office.

Member Richards inquired about implementing a wildflower landscaping in the right-of way and city parks program. He also mentioned the tropical milkweed, the parasites it may have, and the effects it has on the diminishing Monarch butterfly population.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Gloria Horning addressed the Board with her concerns about flooding in the Tanyard neighborhood, un-permitted French drains on new development, the fill and build taking place, enforcement of regulations, and the impacts on the stormwater and sewage systems caused by flooding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



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DISCUSSION

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SUBJECT:

DISCUSSION: CANOPY RESTORATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a discussion item regarding a potential and pending Canopy Restoration Project; and the request for grant funding for said project.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

In the past, Canopy Restoration Inc. has submitted grant requests for canopy restoration projects. Grants were approved and the projects have shown a great deal of success.

It is anticipated that a grant request and application will be submitted for a 2026 Restoration project. This item gives the opportunity for the requestor to provide information as to the project.

PRIOR ACTION:

August 11, 2025 -- City Council approved a grant request made by Canopy Restoration Inc.
December 9, 2024 -- City Council approved a grant request made by Canopy Restoration Inc.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No impact for this discussion item.

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive
Katherine Alexander, Environmental Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION: No