



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

Moorings Bay Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting – October 21, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

It is noted for the record that all documents electronically appended hereto are also contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office, and added attachments are referenced in red as "Added Attachment".

1) Call to Order

Chair Broderick called the meeting to order and presided.

2) Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

William Broderick, Chair
Cynthia Russell, Vice Chair

Jeffrey Carrier
Roy Williams

Committee Members Absent:

Brian Boland

Staff Present:

Robert Middleton, Public Works Director
Katie Laakkonen, Environmental Specialist

Natalie Hardman, Natural Resources Manager
Ali Duran, Executive Assistant

Others Present

Dennis Auray

3) Announcements

None.

4) Items to be Added

None.

5) Public Comments

None.

6) Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Williams to APPROVE the July 15, 2025 meeting minutes; seconded by Carrier and carried 4-0 (Boland-absent, Carrier-yes, Russell-yes, Williams-yes, Broderick-yes).

[Draft Meeting Minutes July 15, 2025](#) 

7) Overview of Chair Broderick's Presentation to Council

Chair Broderick provided a review of the topics covered during his presentation to the City Council at the October 13, 2025 Workshop. The areas of discussion included seawall height requirements and town halls, the addition of rip rap and mangroves, speeding in the bays, and new state laws regulating law enforcement stops on boaters. Council Members suggested that the Committee research the best practices other municipalities use to deter speeding in bays, and to review the City's Resiliency Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding adding signage to slow boaters' speeds, inviting Florida Fish and Wildlife Officers to a meeting to discuss their role in the Bay, and to educate commercial companies and transient rental buildings about the boat speeds.

Vice Chair Russell offered to install rip rap and encourage mangrove growth at her property as a demonstration project to test whether mangroves will thrive in the Bay but would need to maintain the height so as not to disrupt the neighbor's line of sight. Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen stated that mangroves can be trimmed to six feet from the substrate.

Regarding water quality, Environmental Specialist Laakkonen confirmed that the State of Florida declared Mooring Bay as “Impaired for Nutrients”. She stated that the City’s website offered a map indicating where the sample sites were, and a comprehensive report of all the data was in progress at that time.

Chair Broderick questioned whether the Committee could draft legislation to regulate boating speed. Environmental Specialist Laakkonen stated that the Bay was already designated a Slow Speed zone and that it was enforced by the Florida Fish and Wildlife as well as the Naples Police Department Marine Unit. Chair Broderick asked staff to investigate if the City could obtain permits to add flashing lights or additional signage to reduce boater speeds.

7.A) Seawall Inventory and Ordinance Update

Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman informed the Committee that an analysis of the seawalls within the City was conducted to document the inventory and proffer suggestions for modifications. She stated that the City had 44 miles of seawalls, and the maximum height elevation was 4.8 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD) at that time. Noting that flooding during high and king tides had become more frequent, Natural Resources Manager Hardman reported that the Analysis recommended updating the seawall height regulation from a maximum elevation of 4.8 NAVD to a minimum elevation of 5.6 feet NAVD.

Responding to questions, Natural Resources Manager Hardman stated that the proposed changes would only be required during new construction, but the City Council would have the final decision on whether to require all seawalls to be updated.

[Seawall Inventory and Ordinance Update](#) 

8) Doctors Pass Update

Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen stated that a work order for dredging was in progress and will be presented to the Collier County Board of Commissioners next month for approval. Once approved, Humiston and Moore Engineers will be issued a Notice to Proceed, and the project will be advertised for formal bid solicitations. She noted that funds from the Tourist Development Council (TDC) were being used to pay for the project, which is expected to begin in April or May of 2026.

Public Comment: Dennis Auray expressed frustration regarding the lack of depth in Doctor’s Pass, expressing the view that the newly formed sandbar was due to the dumping of sand during the beach renourishment projects in the area. Mr. Auray stated that his boat is currently dry-docked because navigating it into the Bay could result in grounding.

9) Follow-up to Inflow Sampling Report

Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen provided updated information regarding the Inflow Sampling Reporting, noting that the Committee was previously informed that Lowdermilk Park had the highest inflows of nutrients and Copper. She stated that she met with Community Services, identifying that there was construction occurring at the time when samples were being collected, citing landscaping projects, repaving of the parking lot, renovations to the bathrooms, and the flooding of the parking lot during Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Environmental Specialist Laakkonen also noted that the City uses reclaimed water to irrigate, and some of the sprinkler heads needed to be readjusted so that they do not sprinkle into the lakes and onto impervious surfaces.

Environmental Specialist Laakkonen also stated that she was exploring the possibility of installing backflow preventers at the southern end of the Bay, where the tide comes in and influences the pond.

10) Financial Report

10.A) FY 24-25 Q4 Report

Public Works Director Robert Middleton provided an updated Revenue-Expenditure Analysis for Members. Chair Broderick suggested using some of the funds to reinstate the fish monitoring previously conducted by Rookery Bay National Estuary and Research Preserve.

[FY 24-25 Q4 Report](#)  [FY 25-26 Adopted Budget](#) 

[Revenue-Expenditure Analysis \(Staff Added Attachment\)](#)



11) Upcoming Meeting Dates

January 22, 2026

April 21, 2026

July 21, 2026

October 20, 2026

12) Member Comments

Vice Chair Russell congratulated Chair Broderick on a job well done for his presentation to the City Council.

13) Adjourn

10:07 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 01/22/2026.