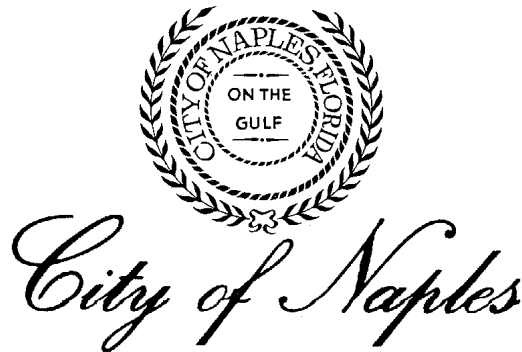




City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

Moorings Bay Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting – January 22, 2026 – 9:02 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

Brian Boland

Cynthia Russell, Vice Chair

Jeffrey Carrier

Committee Members Absent:

Roy Williams

Staff Present:

Katie Laakkonen, Environmental Specialist

Natalie Hardman, Natural Resources Manager

Jennifer Ponchak, Project Manager

Stacey Walker, Police Corporal

Ali Duran, Executive Assistant

3) Announcements

Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman introduced Project Manager Jennifer Ponchak, whose duties will be to focus on water quality for the City's lakes. Project Manager Ponchak then informed the Committee that the City will be having a public information session that evening at the Moorings Presbyterian Church regarding the Lake Restoration Project for Lakes 1, 5, and 20, noting that two of the lakes discharge into Moorings Bay.

4) Items to be Added

None.

5) Public Comments

None.

6) Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Carrier to APPROVE the October 21, 2025 meeting minutes; seconded by Russell and carried 4-0 (Boland-yes, Carrier-yes, Russell-yes, Williams-absent, Broderick-yes).

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7) Law Enforcement in Mooring Bay

Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen informed the Committee that the Naples Police Department had two Marine Patrol Units that monitor Moorings Bay and introduced Naples Police Corporal Stacey Walker.

Corporal Walker responded to questions, noting that the Department intended to double the size of the Marine Patrol Unit once the Road Patrol Unit positions were filled. He stated that Marine Patrol Officers visit Moorings Bay daily, and there are very few law-related or speeding infractions. Conversely, he noted that Naples Bay was very chaotic, and Officers' time was largely spent patrolling there. Discussion ensued regarding the differences between the boating speeds, other duties of the Marine Patrol, storage location of the Marine Unit watercraft, boating safety education, and theft deterrents for boat owners.

Responding to questions posed at a prior meeting, Environmental Specialist Laakkonen confirmed that Your Boat Club Marina educates its boat renters regarding the locations of the shoals and the boating speeds. She also verified that there was a trash can on site.

8) Doctors Pass Update

Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen reported that the Army Corps of Engineers had issued the permit for the Wiggins Pass Dredging Project, after which Collier County initiated the bidding process and received responses from four companies. She further reported that Doctors Pass was currently being monitored and mapped, and that County staff anticipated advertising the dredging bid once the Wiggins Pass Dredging Project commenced, which was expected to occur within the next few weeks.

Environmental Specialist Laakkonen further informed the Committee that a buoy marking a high spot in Doctor's Pass shifted, but Collier County will reinstall it. Responding to questions posed at the October 21, 2025 meeting regarding installing flashing lights on Slow Speed Signs, she contacted the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the United States Coast Guard, who stated that flashing lights on non-navigation markers were not permitted. Lastly, Environmental Specialist Laakkonen informed the Committee that the Doctor's Pass light was replaced and was fully functioning. She added that bird spikes were installed to deter birds from blocking the solar panels that charge the lights.

9) Financial Report

Chair Broderick questioned an expense for \$6,073, and Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen explained that it was water quality sampling during the fourth quarter of FY 2024-25, which was paid this fiscal year. Responding to questions, Environmental Specialist Laakkonen stated she would investigate the City testing for Glyphosate in the future.

[FY 25-26 Q1 Report](#)

10) Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 21, 2026

11) Member Comments

Vice Chair Russell asked that the Committee receive the water quality testing reports, specifically for Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Chlorophyll, noting that Venetian Bay was recently declared "polluted by nutrients". Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen explained how the raw data was collected and rigorously processed. She noted that a monthly report would not indicate a true spike in nutrient levels, but the five-year report indicates true trends.

Identifying that the State of Florida has the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program, Vice Chair Russell expressed concern that the landscapers were not complying with regulations regarding the application of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. She asked to schedule a workshop to explore options to reduce the nutrients in the waters and engage the community to create a local program that would educate and certify landscapers on "bay safe" chemical usage. Environmental Specialist Laakkonen stated that the State of Florida was responsible for the enforcement of pesticide and herbicide application suggesting contacting the University of Florida (UF) Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) for assistance with outreach. Chair Broderick suggested that Vice Chair Russell work with Environmental Specialist Laakkonen to create some action points regarding this topic and provide a progress report at the April 21, 2026 meeting.

Responding to Chair Broderick's question, Environmental Specialist Laakkonen stated that the various nutrient studies will be completed this year and will be presented to the Committee once finalized. Chair Broderick also asked to add an agenda item at the April 21, 2026 meeting to discuss backflow preventers and the City's usage of them. Lastly, Chair Broderick asked to have a paper copy of the Naples Climate Change Resiliency and Mitigation Plan, noting that it was difficult to read directly from the website.

Member Carrier asked about the budgeted interest earned. Environmental Specialist Laakkonen stated that there would be a four to five month lag in finalizing the data. However, she assured the Committee that the numbers and information will be provided to the Committee when received by staff.

12) Adjourn

10:08 a.m.

Minutes Approved: _____.

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