



City of Naples

City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

East Naples Bay Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting – March 17, 2026 9:01 a.m.

It is noted for the record that all: 1) documentation electronically appended hereto is also contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office; 2) Added attachments are referenced in red as "added attachment"; and 2) Alternate Member Shanahan participated as a voting Member for all items below.

1) Call to Order

Chair Heybroek called the meeting to order.

2) Roll Call

Committee Members Present:	Gary Gregg
Maartin Heybroek, Chair	Michael Rinaldi
Forrest Milkowski, Vice Chair	Richard Shanahan, Alternate Member
Committee Members Absent:	Maria Mair

Staff Present:

Natalie Hardman, Natural Resources Manager	Ali Duran, Executive Assistant
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Also Present:

Lou Gaudio	Matthew Starr
	Mackenzie Hudson

3) Elect a Chair and Vice Chair

Rinaldi NOMINATED Gregg as Chair.

There being no further nominations, the following motion was proffered.

MOTION by Milkowski to ELECT Gregg as Chair; seconded by Rinaldi and carried 5-0 (Gregg-yes, Mair-absent, Milkowski-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Heybroek-yes).

Gregg NOMINATED Milkowski as Vice Chair.

There being no further nominations, the following motion was proffered.

MOTION by Gregg to ELECT Milkowski as Vice Chair; seconded by Milkowski and carried 5-0 (Heybroek-yes, Mair-absent, Milkowski-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gregg-yes).

4) Announcements

Recalling a motion at the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting, Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman asked if the Committee could review its bylaws and duties at the September 15, 2026 meeting, noting that the agenda was full for the June 16, 2026 meeting, and there were no objections. Chair Gregg then provided Members with copies of City Council Resolution 08-12145 in preparation for discussion in September.

[Resolution Handout \(G. Gregg Added Attachment\)](#) 

5) Set Agenda

None.

6) Public Comment

None.

7) **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION by Milkowski to APPROVE the December 16, 2025 meeting minutes; seconded by Shanahan and carried 5-0 (Heybroek-yes, Mair-absent, Milkowski-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gregg-yes).

[Draft Meeting Minutes December 16, 2025](#) 

8) **Update on the East Naples Bay Dredge and Rock Removal Project**

Matthew Starr, Project Manager at Stantec, utilized an electronic presentation to provide an update regarding the East Naples Bay Dredge and Rock Removal Project, announcing that all grinding was complete and they were in the process of removing the debris in Canal DD-DD. He discussed the next steps, noting that once the final survey was complete, the project would be finished.

Project Manager Starr discussed the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permits, including their expiration dates. He noted that the USACE permit expired on March 16, 2026, but remained valid for an additional year due to ongoing construction. Project Manager Starr recommended that the City complete the reverification process to renew the USACE permit until 2031 and clarified that, in the event of hurricane damage, having active permits would allow any necessary recovery work to proceed without delay. He also noted that the active permits would allow spot dredging if needed, and residents could dredge the areas under their docks and seawalls under the City's active permits.

Discussion ensued, and Member Rinaldi proffered a motion that was seconded by Member Heybroek. Members offered suggestions for amendments to the motion. For clarity, a new motion was proffered.

MOTION by Heybroek to DIRECT Stantec to keep the permits related to the cleaning of the canals continually active, irrespective of their termination dates; seconded by Gregg and carried 5-0 (Heybroek-yes, Mair-absent, Milkowski-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gregg-yes).

Regarding future canal management, Project Manager Starr suggested that the Committee have an annual survey of the canals every summer. He explained that this would provide tracking of sediment accumulation on a regular basis, the ability to identify and address shoals and other problem areas, and provide a baseline should the canals be affected by a natural disaster. Project Manager Starr suggested that the annual surveying of the canals start in 2026, due to some of the canals not being surveyed in over a year.

Responding to questions, Project Manager Starr estimated that the next time the canals would need to be dredged was approximately 10-15 years, but this timeframe could change due to hurricanes and other natural disasters. He estimated that a multi-beam survey would cost approximately \$55,000, noting that although a single-beam survey would be less costly, it would also provide less reliable data. The Committee discussed the rate of siltation of the canals, conducting a financial analysis to determine what the millage rate should be going forward, and what the cost of the multi-beam survey would include.

MOTION by Gregg to AUTHORIZE a multi-beam survey to be conducted in the summer of 2026; seconded by Milkowski and carried 5-0 (Heybroek-yes, Mair-absent, Milkowski-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gregg-yes).

[Presentation](#) 

9) **East Naples Bay Taxing District Budget Review**

Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman provided the financial summaries and budget. Member Rinaldi expressed his continued concern regarding the overall management of the Dredging Project, noting that there should have been a Draw Schedule for staff and residents to view the funds being retained and items that needed to be funded.

Regarding the reconciliation of the money owed, Natural Resources Manager Hardman stated that it was best for the Committee to wait until the project was complete before determining the

rates of payoff and millage changes. Member Rinaldi asked that the Finance Department conduct a study and determine the best payoff plan. Chair Gregg commented on the financial statements provided to the Committee, noting that he would like the following information provided for future projects: the debt, the debt repayment schedule, the final costs on the project, the amount owed, the cash on hand, and the expected amount to be collected from the taxes. Natural Resources Manager Hardman referred Members to the final page of the “East Naples Bay Taxing District Financial Summary and Budget FY25-26” for the answers regarding the loan amounts.

Members expressed concern that the taxes received from the East Naples Bay Taxing District were not kept within the District itself, and that the City was using the funds elsewhere. Natural Resources Manager Hardman responded, stating Finance Director Stefan Massol would be present at the June 16, 2026 to answer the Committee’s questions.

[FY 25-26 Q1 Budget](#)  [ENB Taxing District Financial Summary and Budget FY25-26](#) 
[QE Invoice](#)  [Stantec Invoice](#) 

10) Upcoming East Naples Bay Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

June 16, 2026

September 15, 2026

December 15, 2026

11) Member Comments

Regarding Member Rinaldi’s concerns regarding the seawalls and leakage, Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman stated that Building Official Stephen Beckman would attend the June 16, 2026 meeting to answer questions and respond to concerns.

Member Heybroek identified the absence of Director of Critical Infrastructure George Yilmaz and asked that he be present for future meetings. Chair Gregg asked that the Committee be notified if he was going to be absent.

12) Adjourn

10:09 a.m.

Minutes approved:06/16/2026.