ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4:00pm, Thursday, May 14, 2026
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC
and broadcasted live on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**

Present: Laura Lovins, Sean Popson, Britton Foy, Susan Smith (via Zoom), Charlotte Webster

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, Council Member Miars

Absent: Todd Murphy, Eric Cicora, Cindy Marrs

2. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes**

MOTION: Ms. Popson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 meeting, and Mr. Foy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The amended minutes passed unanimously.

3. **Citizen's Comments -- none**

4. **Presentation – none**

5. **Old Business**

A. **Discussion of Sea Rise sign project**

After a brief discussion, sea rise signs will be placed at 19th and Myrtle, 25th Avenue beach access path, Palm Blvd. & 38th Avenue, and someplace between 31st & 32nd avenues and 39th and 41st avenues.

B. **Update from Native Tree subcommittee**

Ms. Lovins asked if Public Information Officer Uys could take up the drone to gather pictures of the island's tree canopy. Administrator Kerr said there are up-to-date aerial pictures of the island on charlestoncounty.org. He will send the link to the members of the subcommittee. He said that some of the island's trees could be identified by zooming in on these pictures.

Ms. Lovins said the subcommittee will use these pictures to evaluate the canopy and identify places for improvement by the planting of native trees in safe places as well as make recommendations for changes to the current tree ordinance.

C. **Discussion of Palm Path brochure draft**

Discussion of the brochure will be on the June agenda when Ms. Marrs and Mr. Murphy are in attendance. Suggestions for changes should be emailed to them ahead of the meeting.

D. **Review and update of EAC-related matrix recommendations**

Ms. Lovins reported that she shared the EAC portion of the matrix recommendations with Catherine Minn of the SC Office of Resilience. Ms. Minn provided Ms. Lovins with contact information of people and organizations that could help with many of the recommendations.

Ms. Smith will share the link to the original environmentally-related recommendations from the Community Enrichment Task Force with the Committee to provide further clarity.

Discussion ensued as to how the posters created for the Hurricane Expo can be further used to educate the public. PIO Uys will post them on the EAC webpage on iop.net. The Farmer's Markets and the Recreation Department were discussed as other options for posting those materials.

6. **New Business**

A. **Discussion of Resilience 101 Training with SC Office of Resilience**

Ms. Lovins said that Ms. Minn offers a 90-minute Resilience 101 Training and recommends it for the Environmental Advisory Committee as well as City Council. Administrator Kerr said such training could be the sole focus of an upcoming meeting of the Committee, and City Council could be invited to attend.

B. **Discussion of EAC Recommendation for City Recognition of a resident's private investment in the community – Fisher Glass contract renewal**

Administration Kerr stated that the donor wished for his participation in the Fisher Glass contract renewal to remain anonymous.

7. **Miscellaneous**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 4pm.

8. **Adjournment**

Ms. Popson made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Foy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk