



Environmental Advisory Committee

4:00pm, Thursday, March 12, 2026

City Hall

Council Chambers

1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

Public Comment:

All citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address, and topic to Nicole DeNeane at nicoled@iop.net no later than **3:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting**. Citizens may also provide public comment here:

<https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** and acknowledgement that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes – February 12, 2026**
3. **Citizen's Comments**
4. **Presentation – none**
5. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion of Native Tree Guide (10 minutes)
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Update on cost of Sea Rise sign project (5 minutes)
 - b. Update on Interpretive Sign project (5 minutes)
 - c. Update on Mujeres Latinas signage for cleanup station (5 minutes)
 - d. Discussion of EAC participation in Hurricane & Resilience Expo (remainder of meeting)
7. **Miscellaneous**

Next meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026, 4:00pm
8. **Adjournment**



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and broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**

Present: Laura Lovins, Sean Popson, Todd Murphy, Eric Cicora, Britton Foy, Susan Smith, Charlotte Webster, Council Member Miars

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr

Absent: Cindy Marrs

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

MOTION: Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting, and Ms. Popson seconded the motion.

Ms. Popson noted a spelling error at the bottom of the first page.

VOTE: The amended minutes passed unanimously.

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

4. **Presentation – none**

5. **Old Business**

A. **Discussion of tracking ponding at beach accesses for SC Aquarium**

Committee members discussed appropriate places for flooding signage. Documentation of flooding/ponding may help secure grants for future flood mitigation projects.

MOTION: Ms. Smith made a motion to pursue Sea Rise signage from the South Carolina Aquarium for Myrtle Avenue & 19th Avenue, Palm Boulevard & 38th Avenue, and the three beach access paths with the most significant (as determined by the City). Ms. Popson seconded the motion.

Mr. Murphy would like the cost of the signs and their installation verified. Administrator Kerr will look into the necessity of encroachment permits.

MOTION: Ms. Lovins made a motion to amend the motion to include “upon cost verification and not to exceed \$800.” Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the original motion as amended and passed with all in favor.

B. Discussion of contract with Fisher Glass Recycling

Committee members discussed the percentage of glass successfully recycled by Charleston County versus Fisher Glass Recycling and whether or not it is worth the cost to the taxpayers to continue to use Fisher. Ms. Smith suggested that the \$10,000 saved by not renewing the contract could be used to support other environmental programs.

MOTION: Ms. Smith made a motion to not renew the contract with Fisher Glass Recycling. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion of Mujeres Latinas Signage for cleanup station

Ms. Smith shared the signage that will be placed with the toy bin and cleanup station donated by Mujeres Latinas at 25th Avenue beach access. They will be installed for a trial run in mid-to-late March.

D. Review of Water Quality Testing recap article for publication

Ms. Lovins noted that the water quality recap article is still too long for publication in either island newspaper. Ms. Smith suggested that it is a newsworthy topic, and newspaper staff could write an article about the effort. Ms. Lovins hopes to have it published in the April issue of the *Island Eye*.

Committee members offered several suggestions and changes.

6. New Business

Discussion of EAC participation in Hurricane & Resilience Expo

Ms. Lovins distributed costs for the proposed signage in the meeting packet. The Committee discussed how they would like their booth at the Hurricane & Resilience Expo to appear. Ms. Popson suggested creating generic signage so that it could be used for future events. It was decided a single banner with the City seal and Environmental Advisory Committee would appear on the banner.

Ms. Lovins asked Committee members to come to the March meeting prepared to discuss the visuals and or materials they wish to distribute at the Expo. Administrator Kerr will check on the number of food compost bins still available.

7. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 4pm.

8. **Adjournment**

Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

Native Tree Guide

The City of Isle of Palms has a fantastic opportunity to adapt a [new Native Tree Guide](https://sullivanisland.sc.gov/sites/sullivanisland/files/Documents/Tree%20Preservation/20260128%20Tree%20Book_FINAL%201.pdf) (https://sullivanisland.sc.gov/sites/sullivanisland/files/Documents/Tree%20Preservation/20260128%20Tree%20Book_FINAL%201.pdf) that the Town of Sullivan's Island recently created in partnership with Erin Stevens and her landscape architecture firm [Surculus](#). Please take a few minutes to look at the guide online.

- While her business is based out of the Charleston peninsula, Surculus President Erin Stevens grew up on Isle of Palms, and her parents still live in Wild Dunes.
- The comprehensive, beautifully-designed guide has around 70 pages that feature native trees that sync up with local barrier islands. The guide breaks down the three zoned island ecosystems and advises which trees would work in which zones. It also shares complementary native plants and other helpful info for each native tree.
- For the City of Isle of Palms to use, we would need to remove the first four pages (after the cover) that are SI specific and develop a more IOP-specific introduction with the assistance of Surculus, which would likely incur a small amount of costs for IOP.
- Once complete, we can share through [iop.net](#) & related QR codes at events like the Hurricane & Environmental Resiliency Fair, and down the road consider printing a small # of copies. (SI expects to pay around \$1,800 for 60 copies.)
- Rebecca Fanning, SI's resiliency director, has secured permission from Town Administrator Joe Henderson for us to adapt their work into a version IOP can share with its residents.
- SI funded the project with a grant from the SC Forestry Commission and will be promoting it around their Arbor Day Celebration April 24th at Stith Park.