

11. **COMMITTEES BOARDS COMMISSION**

f. Discussion of the Scope of the Wildlife Committee

**WILDLIFE COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE
2006-2008**

2006

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED	3
COMMITTEE MEETING WITH NO QUORUM	0
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE	9

2007

COMMITTEE MEETINGS CANCELED	3
COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITH NO QUORUM	0
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2008

COMMITTEE MEETINGS CANCELED	3
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CITY OF SANIBEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose: Assist the preservation, protection and enhancement of wildlife on Sanibel

Function: Serve as a Committee that preserves and compliments wildlife habitat and all areas of management primarily through information and education

Scope: Survey for birds and other wildlife species on City-owned lands

Serve as volunteer docents at beach parks and the fishing pier to educate visitors on regulations involving wildlife feeding, shore bird nesting, dog leashing, fishing, and other related practices

Revise the distribution of City pamphlets to include the Chamber of Commerce and any organizations that request them

Expand bird box installations at City parks, contingent on available funding

Maintain road fatalities statistics, bird/wildlife survey results and release data for public information

Provide City approved articles regarding Committee activities to local newspapers

Engage in mutually productive wildlife projects with other City Committees

Develop communication with SCCF, City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department, CROW, and Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge-include and encourage attendance at Committee meetings

**Wildlife Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
September 17, 2008**

The Wildlife Committee meeting was canceled per the Committee.

**Wildlife Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
August 20, 2008**

The Wildlife Committee meeting was canceled per the Committee.

**Wildlife Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
July 16, 2008**

The Wildlife Committee meeting was canceled per the Committee.

**Wildlife Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
June 18, 2008**

Present: Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Reese, R. Woodham, Y. Welch,
and SCCF

Absent: D. Hardy, C. Mallon, R. Ranieri, Council Liaison P. Pappas, CROW
and Staff Liaison H. Downing

Vice Chairman V. Frankwich convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the May 21, 2008 meeting minutes.

R. Woodham made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to approve the May 21,
2008 meeting minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation
(SCCF) report:

- Sea Turtles: Ninety-six nests on beach; Forty nests on Captiva; One hundred three false crawls
- Snowy Plovers; three active nests on the beach
- Fish sampling
- Snake survey on the beach
- Gopher Tortoises to be moved to Bowman's Beach
- Monitor Lizard sighting

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee function, purpose and scope. The
Committee discussed the following ideas for the scope of the Committee:

- Refocus distribution of Wildlife brochures to the Chamber of Commerce and large Real Estate offices
- Survey birds and other wildlife on City-owned lands
- Volunteer docents at beach parks and fishing pier
- Sanibel fishing pier relations.
- Expand bird box installations at City Parks contingent on funding
- Maintain Road Fatality stats for public information; include bird and wildlife surveys results
- Develop communication with SCCF and Natural Resources; promote Care & rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) and Wildlife Refuge attendance at Committee meetings

- Provide City approved articles regarding Wildlife Committee activities to local newspapers
- Engage in mutually productive wildlife projects with other City committees

R. Woodham made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to approve the proposed Activity Scope and to forward the scope to the City Manager.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding publicity, the October Committee meeting, and the proposed revised pamphlets. V. Frankwich commented that he forwarded a sample of the revised pamphlet to the City Manager. The Committee agreed by consensus to review the pamphlets at the October meeting

Discussion ensued regarding the monthly Road Kill report, the Sanibel Gardens wildlife survey, wildlife educator's reports, and wildlife sightings.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of D. Hardy, C. Mallon, and R. Ranieri from the June 18, 2008 Wildlife Committee meeting.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to excuse D. Hardy, C. Mallon, and R. Ranieri from the June 18, 2008 Wildlife Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
May 21, 2008**

Present: D. Hardy, Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, C. Mallon, R. Reese, R. Ranieri, R. Woodham, Y. Welch, SCCF, and Staff Liaison H. Downing

Absent: Council Liaison P. Pappas, and CROW

Vice Chairman V. Frankwich convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the April 16, 2008 meeting minutes.

R. Ranieri made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to approve the April 16, 2008 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding staff liaison report. Environmental Specialist H. Downing commented on the following:

- Sighting of baby Green Heron
- Monitoring Bald Eagle nest
- Turtle lighting run for May
- Meeting with Lee County: Gopher tortoise relocation at Bowman's Beach

Discussion ensued regarding Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report:

- Sea Turtle update: 25 nests on beaches
- Snowy Plover update: 5 nests, 4 chicks on beaches
- Snake trapping on beach
- Snowy Plover coloring book
- Nile Monitor Lizards

Discussion ensued regarding the April 29 letter from the City Manager concerning the Wildlife Committee scope.

R. Woodham made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to inform the City Manager that the Wildlife Committee had received the letter sent April 29 with the City recommendations and then to let the City know the Committee would be working on its proposed scope.

R. Woodham withdrew the above motion, with the approval of the seconder.

Discussion ensued regarding the continuance of the Wildlife Committee.

R. Ranieri made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to vote to decide if the members wish to continue as members of the Wildlife Committee as it presently stands.

The motion passed unanimously.

By consensus the Committee members agreed remain a Council appointed Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee proposed purpose, function and scope (see attached). The Committee agreed by consensus to the following proposed purpose and function:

Purpose:

- Assist in the preservation, protection and enhancement of wildlife on Sanibel

Function

- Serve as a committee that preserves and complements wildlife habitat and all areas of management primarily through of information and education

The Committee agreed by consensus to discuss the Committee's scope and the City Managers April 29 letter further at the June meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding canceling the Wildlife Committee meetings in July, August & September.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to cancel the Wildlife Committee meetings in July, August and September.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of combining City information on shells, alligators and birds into one brochure. V. Frankwich commented that the Chamber of Commerce had created a mock up brochure of the information. The Committee agreed by consensus to discuss this item at the June meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the road kill report, Sanibel Garden's wildlife survey, wildlife educators report, and wildlife sightings.

Discussion ensued regarding the City staff liaison and SCCF liaison reports and their attendance at the Wildlife Committee meetings.

R. Ranieri made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to recommend that after the City and SCCF liaisons update the Wildlife Committee, they be allowed to leave at their discretion to continue work.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding wildlife educator report, and wildlife sightings.

D. Hardy made a motion, seconded by R. Ranieri, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
April 16, 2008**

Present: D. Hardy, Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Woodham, C. Mallon, Y. Welch, Staff Liaison H. Downing and SCCF

Absent: R. Reese, R. Ranieri, Council Liaison P. Pappas, and CROW

Guest: Mayor M. Denham

Vice Chairman V. Frankwich convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the March 19, 2008 meeting minutes.

D. Hardy made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to approve the March 19, 2008 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee had a moment of silence for former Committee member Cyril Iver Rubin.

D. Hardy, made a motion, seconded by R. Woodham, to add the following statement by V. Frankwich into the Committee minutes; "Syril, she knew how to make things happen and get things done. She was one of a kind and will be missed by all who knew her."

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding staff liaison report:

- "Dark Skies" ordinance enforcement patrols preparing for sea turtle season
- The Lee County Board of Commissioners approved an inter-local agreement with City Council to help fund the City's Red Algae research study

Discussion ensued regarding the SCCF report:

- Snowy Plover nests found on beaches
- Sea turtle season starts May 1st
- Sea turtle program now run by full-time employee with volunteer support
- Study of snakes on beaches
- Bobcat sightings on Sanibel

Discussion ensued regarding N. Payne's March 21st and 31st letters, and the Wildlife Committees future. V. Frankwich reported having a meeting with the City Manager regarding the Committees future, which generated ideas and suggestions as follows:

- Committee recommendations and objectives for 2008

- Committee purpose, function and scope
- The possibility of assigning a representative from Wildlife Committee to liaison with the Wildlife Refuge
- The possibility volunteering as a Committee with the Sanibel Audubon society and other nature organizations on Sanibel to help with projects

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint D. Hardy to follow up on volunteering with Sanibel organizations and report at the next Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding City Council and Committee feedback on the Committees purpose, function and scope.

R. Woodham, made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to request Committee members bring their thoughts on the Committees purpose, function and scope to the May 21 meeting for discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Denham spoke on the Committee's scope, the volunteer appreciation luncheon, and wildlife brochures.

Discussion ensued regarding Speaker's Bureau draft by R. Woodham. The Committee discussed the following:

- The possibility of becoming the Citizen's for Wildlife advisory group
- How the wildlife advisory group would function

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by R. Woodham, that the Committee consider becoming citizens for wildlife advisory group, who would not be under the direction of the City.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee agreed by consensus to review the scope, function and purpose for the Wildlife Committee to see if a wildlife advisory group would be a feasible recommendation to Council, and to ask island wildlife organizations how the Committee could be a better service to them.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of R. Reese and R. Ranieri from the April 16, 2008 Committee meeting.

D. Hardy made motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to excuse R. Reese and R. Ranieri from the April 16, 2008 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Raccoons disturbing island restaurant dumpsters, Sanibel Community Association implementing a way to keep raccoons out of their dumpster, information shared with the City Manger, and no raccoons in the dumpsters of any Sanibel restaurants recently checked.

C. Mallon made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
March 19, 2008**

Present: Chairman G. Pati, D. Hardy, R. Reese, R. Ranieri, Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Woodham, C. Mallon, Y. Welch and SCCF

Absent: S. Rubin, Council Liaison P. Pappas, CROW, and Staff Liaison H. Downing.

Chairman G. Pati convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Pati spoke on S. Rubin's illness.

Discussion ensued regarding the February 20, 2008 meeting minutes.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to approve the February 20, 2008 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding V. Frankwich's report on the Committee Annual Report. V. Frankwich stated a letter was sent to the Mayor outlining why the Wildlife Committee should remain a City Advisory Committee. He spoke a second time on the Council's proposed retooling of the City Committee enacting legislation.

Discussion ensued regarding sending Committee sentiments and input to the City Manager, Mayor and City Council. The Committee agreed by consensus they would like to see the Committee remain and the following comments were made:

- The Committee would like to see the Council take more of the Committees wildlife recommendations into consideration. Committee members bring a diverse background to the Committee
- The Committee needs to continue to fulfill the Committee charge to make recommendations to improve the quality of life for the residents, preserve wildlife and the health and welfare of the island
- The Committee needs to differentiate Wildlife Committee duties from the Natural Resources Department and show even if the Committee has different duties, both the City and the Committee can work together
- The Committee has followed the charge set by Council. The projects and recommendations accomplished by the Committee have been accepted by Council which should be full justification for the Committee continuing
- The Wildlife Committee has helped Sanibel wildlife. Without the Committee, who is going to help protect Sanibel Wildlife through Committee involvement that includes the following;

- Working as wildlife educators on Sanibel beaches and the Fishing Pier
 - Recommendations to Council regarding the Sanibel fishing pier
 - Recommendations to Council regarding Iguanas
 - Recommendations to Council regarding the Raccoon Ordinance
 - Monthly Sanibel gardens surveys
 - Forwards the monthly Public Works Road Fatalities report to the local papers
 - Distribute brochures
 - Recommendations to Council regarding appropriate wildlife signage
 - Recommendations to Council regarding enforcements of wildlife ordinances
- The wildlife on Sanibel needs protection, which is why the Wildlife Committee was started. If the Committee disbands who will speak for the animals
 - The Committee compliments the City, and helps with areas the City cannot afford to do as volunteers. The Committee would lose influence and creditability if merged with another Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the following Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report:

- Annual walk for Snowy Plover nests will take place on Thursday, March 20
- Conducting small mammal trapping to monitor Cotton and Sanibel Rice rats
- Conducting snake trapping on the beaches in the dune areas
- Sea Turtle program now lead by staff at SCCF but volunteers will help
- SCCF Website now has Sanibel reptile list

Discussion ensued regarding the Speakers Bureau draft by Committee member R. Woodham.

C. Mallon made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to create a sub-committee to work on the Speakers Bureau project comprised of D. Hardy and R. Woodham.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Dog Parks. The Committee agreed by consensus that C. Mallon would research the issue and report at the April meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the March Road Kill report, the Sanibel Gardens Wildlife Survey, and wildlife educators report.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to create a subcommittee comprised of D. Hardy & R. Reese to look into a specific plan for Sanibel Gardens.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding G. Pati's resignation from the Wildlife Committee, and who would chair the April or May meetings should the Vice Chair be unavailable.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by R. Woodham, to select a Committee Member to run the Committee meetings in April & May should V. Frankwich be unavailable.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee agreed by consensus that D. Hardy would chair the Wildlife Committee meetings if V. Frankwich should be unavailable in April or May.

V. Frankwich made motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to excuse S. Rubin from the March 19, 2008 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

made a motion, seconded by, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
February 20, 2008**

Present: Chairman G. Pati, D. Hardy, R. Reese, N. Payne R. Ranieri, S. Rubin, Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Woodham, C. Mallon Y. Welch, SCCF, Council Liaison P. Pappas and Staff Liaison H. Downing.

Absent: CROW

Chairman G. Pati convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the January 16, 2008 meeting minutes.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to approve the January 16, 2008 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Staff Liaison report on the following items:

- Repairs to Fishing Pier sign should be finished by March
- Working on installing Plexiglas on the Sanibel Gardens trail sign
- Proceeding fertilizer ordinance education program

Discussion ensued regarding the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report. Chris from SCCF reported on the following:

- Snake survey of the beach
- The new sea turtle biologist
- The eagle nest
- Iguana counts
- Gopher turtles

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Ordinance 08-002. The City Manager spoke on the history of the current raccoon ordinance and the proposed lock bars on the island dumpsters.

Public Comment:

Condominium Association of Sanibel Island (CASI) representative S. Smith spoke on concern from CASI members that condominium guests would not use the proposed lock on the dumpsters, and would leave any garbage outside the dumpster.

Kurt Stendhal representing Westwood Condominium spoke that the condominium has a sign on how to dump garbage and have no problem.

Karen Barker representing Tennisplace Condominium spoke to having no raccoon problem, agreed that the new lock bar dumpsters should be tested, and against the fine for condominiums in the proposed ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding the garbage container prototype lock bar. City Manager J. Zimomra commented that there was a prototype lock bar at City Hall if the Committee wished to see how it works.

V. Frankwich, made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to recess the Wildlife Committee meeting to preview the prototype lock bar.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee recessed at 1:52 p.m.

During the recess Committee members reviewed the lock bar prototype.

The meeting reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed lock bar prototype.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by R. Reese, to recommend to Council that the proposed Ordinance 08-002 apply right at this point only to the restaurant industry here on the island.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the language of proposed Ordinance 08-002 concerning lock bars.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by R. Woodham, that out of concern for use of the language involving the lock in the proposed Ordinance 08-002, the Committee requests it be referred back to the City Manager to rework, and then be sent back to the Wildlife Committee when revised.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of the wildlife ordinances. City Manager J. Zimomra spoke on the following police activity on Sanibel:

- Daytime police presence at the Fishing Pier
- Security camera at the Fishing Pier

And she spoke a second time on the following City iguana programs:

- The iguana removal program
- Removal of 369 iguanas as of the start of the program
- The iguana brochure mailing to residents
- Proposed state legislature for monitor lizards

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee Annual Report, and the next Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Sanibel Library, Room 1
January 16, 2008**

Present: Chairman G. Pati, D. Hardy, R. Woodham, R. Reese, N. Payne R. Ranieri, Y. Welch, D. Serage from SCCF, Council Liaison P. Pappas and Staff Liaison H. Downing.

Absent: S. Rubin, Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, C. Mallon, and CROW

Chairman G. Pati convened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the December 19, 2007 meeting minutes.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by R. Ranieri, to approve the December 19, 2007 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of V. Frankwich, C. Mallon and S. Rubin from the January 16, 2008 Committee meeting.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to excuse V. Frankwich, C. Mallon and S. Rubin from the January 16, 2008 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dee Serage from the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) spoke on the Foundation's alligator education program and distributed the SCCF alligator brochures (see attached). Ms. Serage spoke a second time on her idea for alligator watchers in each neighborhood.

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee Annual Report, the City Manager and Police Chief's attendance at the February meeting, the staff liaison report, Council liaisons report, and literature distribution.

Discussion ensued regarding a proposal from the Wildlife Committee to start a Speakers Bureau to talk about different general wildlife topics. A draft of the proposal was distributed to the Committee (see attached). The Committee will discuss the issue at the February Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding Lee County's plan to open dog friendly areas on the causeway, and the Sanibel Dog's Club request for a dog park. The Committee will discuss the issue at the February Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sanibel Gardens survey and the following ideas for Sanibel Gardens

- Possible markers for native plants
- Possible Map of the Gardens at the entrance.

Discussion ensued regarding wildlife sightings.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by R. Reece, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Sanibel Library, Room 1
December 19, 2007**

Present: Chairman G. Pati, Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, D. Hardy, R. Woodham, R. Ranieri, C. Mallon, Y. Welch, Council Liaison P. Pappas and Staff Liaison H. Dowling.

Absent: S. Rubin, R. Reese, N. Payne, CROW, and SCCF

Chairman G. Pati convened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the November 14, 2007 meeting minutes.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to approve the November 14, 2007 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of R. Reese, N. Payne & S. Rubin from the December 19, 2007 Committee meeting.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to excuse R. Reese, N. Payne & S. Rubin from the December 19, 2007 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council Liaison report, staff liaison report, the Fertilizer test, Dee Serage from the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) to speak at the January meeting, and the meeting between Chairman Pati and the City Manager on Wildlife Committee issues.

Discussion ensued regarding posting signs with "Do not feed the raccoons" plus the fine for doing so at area dumpsters.

R. Woodward made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich to appoint a Committee member that would speak during public comment on "Do not feed the raccoons" signage at the January 15, 2008 City Council meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the alligator update, literature distribution, the Road Fatalities Report, Sanibel Garden's wildlife survey, a proposed speaker's bureau for wildlife education, and wildlife sightings.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Sanibel Library, Room 3
November 14, 2007**

Present: Chairman G. Pati, Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, D. Hardy, R. Woodham, R. Reese, P. Reynolds, C. Mallon, N. Payne, Y. Welch, and Staff Liaison H. Dowling.

Absent: R. Ranieri, S. Rubin, CROW, SCCF, and Council Liaison P. Pappas.

Chairman G. Pati convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of R. Ranieri & S. Rubin from the November 14, 2007 Committee meeting.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by C. Mallon, to excuse R. Ranieri & S. Rubin from the November 14, 2007 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the October 17, 2007 meeting minutes.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by R. Woodham, to approve the October 17, 2007 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the staff liaison report, fertilizer classes; the November 20 Council meeting Iguana program update, water pollution, the Fertilizer Ordinance, and the City Manager memo concerning the possible increase the fine for violation of the Raccoon Ordinance.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to recommend Chairman Pati take the Committee comments on the Raccoon Ordinance Memo and discuss the recommendations with the City Manager.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding alligator update, wildlife educator's article, literature distribution, the Environmental Impact Conference, and N. Payne's letter on Australian Pines.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by P. Reynolds, to support N. Payne's Australian Pine letter and to encourage him to meet with the City Manager on this issue, and to then report back to the Wildlife Committee.

The motion passed 6 to 3, with Y. Welch, D. Hardy & R. Reese voting against.

Discussion ensued regarding the wildlife educator's report, the wildlife fatalities report, the Sanibel Garden survey, and wildlife sightings.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
October 17, 2007**

Present: Chairman G. Pati, Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, D. Hardy, R. Ranieri, S. Rubin, R. Woodham, R. Reese, P. Reynolds, C. Mallon, Y. Welch, SCCF, and Staff Liaison H. Dowling.

Absent: N. Payne, CROW, and Council Liaison P. Pappas.

Chairman G. Pati convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of N. Payne from the October 17, 2007 Committee meeting.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to excuse N. Payne from the October 17, 2007 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the June 20, 2007 meeting minutes.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to approve the June 20, 2007 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding G. Pati's memo, "Ding Darling Days", the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report, the Environmental Handbook update, the Sanibel School students Fishing Seminar, Iguana article, raccoons, exotic lizard brochure, Alligator update, Environmental Impact Conference October 30, publicity, Sanibel Gardens survey, literature distribution, road fatality report, wildlife educators reports, staff liaison report, wildlife sightings, and the November Wildlife Committee meeting.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to move the November Wildlife Committee meeting to November 14, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

V. Franwich made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
September 19, 2007**

The September 19, 2007 Wildlife Committee meeting was cancelled per the Committee.

**Wildlife Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
August 15, 2007**

The August 15, 2007 Wildlife Committee meeting was cancelled per the Committee.

**Wildlife Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
July 18, 2007**

The July 18, 2007 Wildlife Committee meeting was cancelled per the Committee.

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
June 20, 2007**

Present: Vice Chairman V. Frankwich, D, Hardy R. Ranieri, S. Rubin, R. Woodham, Chairman G. Pati, C. Mallon, Y. Welch, and Staff Liaison H. Dowling,

Absent: N. Payne, R. Reece, CROW, SCCF, and Council Liaison P. Pappas.

Chairman G. Pati opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of R. Reese & N. Payne.

R. Woodham made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to excuse R. Reese and N. Payne from the June 20, 2007 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to approve the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Staff Liaison report, Periwinkle Restoration Report, Brazilian Pepper report, Sea Turtle Report, monitor lizard report, and the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and the Care & Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) participation in the Committee meetings.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, that until further notice the Wildlife Committee continues to request the attendance of CROW and SCCF at future meetings.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Committee Goals.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to accept the Committee Goals for 2007/2008.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Committee recommendations updating the Wildlife Section of the Environmental Handbook.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by R. Woodham, to add: "It's against the law" after the sentence "Do not feed any wildlife or provide fresh water for manatees" in section four of the Environmental Handbook.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by R. Ranieri, to add "Manatees are at risk. Please watch for manatees while boating. Obey slow speed requirements" under letter "C" in section four of the Environmental Handbook.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Fishing Seminar in October 9-12, 2007, publicity, the iguana article, alligator brochures, Sanibel Gardens Survey, wildlife educators report, and wildlife sightings.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
May 16, 2007**

Present: V. Frankwich, R. Reece, S. Rubin, Chairman G. Pati, Y. Welch,
Staff Liaison J. Evans, D. Hardy, R. Woodham, C. Mallon,
R. Ranieri and Council Liaison P. Pappas.

Absent: N. Payne, CROW, and SCCF.

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:16 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Councilman Pappas.

Councilman Pappas called for nominations for Chairman.

S. Rubin nominated G. Pati for Chairman.

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint G. Pati as Chairman of the Wildlife Committee.

Chairman Pati called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

R. Ranieri nominated V. Frankwich for Vice Chairman.

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint V. Frankwich as Vice Chairman of the Wildlife Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the April 18, 2007 meeting minutes.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to approve the April 18, 2007 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Wildlife Committee goals, and feeding raccoons.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by R. Ranieri, to appoint R. Woodham to write an article regarding feeding raccoons and to bring it to the June Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the staff liaison report, and canceling Committee meetings for July, August, and September 2007.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to cancel the July, August & September Wildlife Committee meetings.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Punta Rassa Fishing Pier, Lee County transforming the old causeway bridges into fishing piers, iguana report, alligators, wildlife brochures, raccoons, publicity report, road fatalities, Wildlife & Fishing Seminar, Sanibel Gardens Wildlife Survey, wildlife educators, and wildlife sightings.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
April 18, 2007**

Present: Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Ranieri, S. Rubin, G. Pati, Y. Welch,
Staff Liaison H. Dowling, and Council Liaison P. Pappas.

Absent: D, Hardy, C. Mallon, R. Reece, CROW, and SCCF.

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of D. Hardy & C. Mallon.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to excuse D. Hardy and C. Mallon from the April 18, 2007 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the March 21, 2007 meeting minutes.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by G. Pati, to approve the March 21, 2007 meeting minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council Liaison report, 2007 Committee goals, Red Drift Algae status, "Save Our Refuges" campaign, Alligators, literature distribution, Iguanas, Raccoons, the staff liaison report, publicity, Sanibel Gardens Wildlife Survey, Wildlife Educators report, and wildlife sightings.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
March 21, 2007**

Present: Chairman V. Frankwich, D. Hardy, C. Mallon, R. Reece, S. Rubin, Y. Welch, Staff Liaison H. Dowling, and City Manager J. Zimomra.

Absent: A. Pinder (CROW), SCCF, G. Pati, R. Ranieri, L. Schopp, and Council Liaison P. Pappas.

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of G. Pati, R. Ranieri, and L. Schopp.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to excuse G. Pati, R. Ranieri, and L. Schopp from the March 21, 2007 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the February 21, 2007 meeting minutes.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by R. Reese, to approve the February 21, 2007 meeting minutes amended to add "Committee member L. Schopp did not wish to be re-appointed to the Wildlife Committee".

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the "Ding Darling" Refuge Alligator Survey, comments from the City Manager concerning the Committee Iguana report, raccoons, literature distribution, April Committee elections, road fatality report, red algae, staff liaison report, publicity, Sanibel Gardens survey, wildlife educators report, and wildlife sightings. The Committee thanked V. Frankwich for his work as Committee Chair.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by C. Mallon, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

City manager spoke that committee recommendations need to be shortened

Iguana report needs to go to council first before it is published in paper, need more information if it is opinion. Need to get with council liaison

City manager: working with police to enforce raccoon ordinance. It is voluntary, but if not working, may need to make it mandatory.

Committee decided literature distribution., volunteer lunch, road fatalities (no report),

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
February 21, 2007**

Present: Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Reece, C. Mallon, R. Ranieri, G. Pati, D. Hardy, Y. Welch, L. Schopp, S. Rubin, C. Lechowicz (SCCF), City Manager J. Zimomra, and Council Liaison M. Denham.

Absent: A. Pinder (CROW)

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the January 17, 2007 meeting minutes.

L. Schopp made a motion, seconded by D. Hardy, to approve the January 17, 2007 meeting minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Snowy Plover nesting, the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report, red algae, Blind Pass and the Council Liaison report. City Manager J. Zimomra commented on the red algae situation and City involvement.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by G. Pati, to recommend that the Wildlife Committee to write individual letters to Council in support of their position.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding iguana report by Committee member C. Mallon.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, that the Iguana Report be forwarded to the City Manager and the Council, and request that the report be published as soon as possible.

G. Pati asked the seconder if he would accept an amendment to the motion to delete, "the Council".

The motion carried. L. Schopp did not vote.

Discussion ensued regarding alligators, raccoons, wildlife brochures, road fatalities report, volunteer lunch, publicity, Sanibel Gardens Survey, wildlife educator's reports, and wildlife sightings.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

At the March 21, 2007 Committee meeting S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by R. Reese, to approve the February 21, 2007 meeting minutes amended to add "Committee member L. Schopp did not wished to be re-appointed to the Wildlife Committee".

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
January 17, 2007**

Present: Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Reece, C. Mallon, R. Ranieri, G. Pati, D. Hardy, S. Rubin, Y. Welch, L. Schopp, Environmental Specialist H. Downing, C. Lechowicz (SCCF), and Council Liaison M. Denham.

Absent: A. Pinder (CROW)

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding Chairman Frankwich's absence from the December 20, 2006 Committee meeting.

L. Schopp made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to excuse Chairman Frankwich from the December 20, 2006 Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the December 20, 2006 meeting minutes.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to approve the December 20, 2006 meeting minutes amended to delete "Chairman Frankwich" from present.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report, Council Liaison report, and iguana information reports by Committee members. The Committee agreed by consensus to compile the Committees iguana information into a recommendation for the City Manager.

G. Pati mad a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to appoint C. Mallon to compile the Committee iguana information into a recommendation for the City Manager to forward to the City Council.

The motion passed seven to one, L. Schopp did not vote.

Discussion ensued regarding alligators, raccoon legislation enforcement, wildlife brochures, wildlife educators report, Arbor Day program, staff liaison report, the Road Fatalities report, Sanibel Gardens survey, publicity, fishing pier report, and wildlife sightings.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by R. Reese, to adjourn meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
City of Sanibel
Recording Secretary

**Wildlife
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
December 20, 2006**

Present: Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Reece, C. Mallon, R. Ranieri, G. Pati, D. Hardy, Y. Welch, L. Schopp, Environmental Specialist H. Downing, and C. Lechowicz (SCCF).

Absent: Chairman V. Frankwich, Council Liaison M. Denham, and A. Pinder (CROW)

Vice Chairman G. Pati opened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the November 15, 2006 meeting minutes.

L. Schopp made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to approve the November 15, 2006 meeting minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report, and the Committee alligator recommendation to Council.

R. Ranieri made a motion, seconded by R. Reece, to add an addendum to the Alligator recommendation to Council that all relocated alligators be relocated on Sanibel.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the raccoon ordinance, brochure distribution, Road Fatality Report, and the SCCF report on iguanas. The Committee agreed by consensus to discuss a recommendation on iguanas at the January meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding Australian Pines, new committee member C. Mallon, the staff liaison report, wildlife educator's reports, wildlife coloring book, wildlife sightings, publicity, and the Sanibel Gardens survey.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by L. Schopp, to adjourn meeting

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2006**

Present: Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Reece, R. Ranieri, G. Pati, D. Hardy, Y. Welch, L. Schopp, Environmental Specialist H. Downing, C. Lechowicz (SCCF), and Council Liaison M. Denham.

Excused: S. Rubin, and A. Pinder (CROW)

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the approval of October 18, 2006 meeting minutes.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to approve the October 18, 2006 meeting minutes amended to include Committee member G. Pati as present.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding C. Sobzsak presentation on his book "Alligators, Sharks & Panthers", the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report, tortoise population, small animal tracking, the Iguana recommendation, and Alligators.

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by R. Reece, to approve submittal of the following recommendations to the City Manager: 1) maintain the present targeted alligator harvesting policy, 2) relocate all alligators less than six feet in length rather than four feet in length.

The motion passed six to one, with G.Pati abstained from voting.

Discussion ensued regarding the raccoon ordinance, wildlife literature, the road fatalities report, Fishing Pier parking ordinance, Blind Pass dredging status, Committee member's Identification, City Staff report, red algae on the beach, publicity, the Sanibel Gardens survey, wildlife educator's reports, and wildlife sightings.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by R. Ranieri, to adjourn meeting

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
October 18, 2006**

Present: Chairman V. Frankwich, R. Reece, S. Rubin, R. Ranieri, D. Hardy, Y. Welch, Staff Liaison J. Evans, Environmental Specialist H. Downing, B. Smith and C. Lechowicz from the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation and City Manager J. Zimomra.

Excused: Council Liaison M. Denham

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the approval of June 21, 2006 meeting minutes.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by R. Reece to approve the June 21, 2006 meeting minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding raccoons; recent legislation, code enforcement staff activities towards issuing warnings and citations, and procedures to report a violation.

Discussion ensued regarding the University of Florida's Dr. Mazzotti's presentation concerning information on Sanibel alligators, conducting surveys on size and number of alligators, conducting resident surveys for their prospective on alligators, harvesting alligators, and sustainable populations.

Discussion ensued regarding literature, brochure counts, changes to the brochures, distributing brochures, changes to the angler brochure, Road Fatalities for August and September, and canceling the Fishing Seminar this year due to the bad water quality

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, that the Fishing Seminar for 2006 be canceled due to water quality issues.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Sanibel Pier security, and a letter and photographs concerning vandalism at the Sanibel Pier sent to Public Works Director Gates Castle, City Manager J. Zimomra and Chief of Police B. Tomlinson.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to support Ordinance 06-015 to institute twenty-four hour parking fees at the Lighthouse Park facility and Sanibel Fishing Pier.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding relocation of gopher tortoises, upper respiratory disease in tortoises, water quality, lack of water birds and fish in Dinkins and Clam Bayous, water releases from Lake Okeechobee, and C. Sobzcak's book titled "Alligators, Sharks and Panthers".

V. Frankwich made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to invite author Mr. Charlie Sobzcak to discuss his book "Alligators, Sharks and Panthers" at a future Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding iguanas, planting along Periwinkle, the new Wildlife Committee staff liaison H. Downing, sea turtle lighting and nesting, the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) restoration projects, publicity, and the Sanibel Garden Preserve species numbers and bird houses

Discussion ensued regarding Wildlife Educators reports, Blind Pass, West Gulf Accesses, Bowman's Beach; Tarpon Bay; Fulgar Street, Donax Blvd., Nerita Street; Bay Drive and Bailey Rd; Lighthouse Beach, the Fishing Pier, and Wildlife sightings.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to adjourn meeting

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Reed

At the November 15, 2006 Committee meeting Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by V. Frankwich, to approve the October 18, 2006 meeting minutes amended to include Committee member G. Pati as present.

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MACKENZIE HALL
September 20, 2006**

The Committee meeting was canceled per the Committee

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MACKENZIE HALL
August 16, 2006**

The Committee meeting was canceled per the Committee

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MACKENZIE HALL
July 19, 2006**

The Committee meeting was canceled per the Committee

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
June 21, 2006**

Present: V. Frankwich, R. Reece, S. Rubin, R. Ranieri, D. Hardy, Y. Welch, Staff Liaison J. Evans, Environmental Specialist H. Dowling, Chris Lechowicz from SCCF, A. Pinder from CROW, and Council Liaison M. Denham.

Absent: G. Pati, and L. Schopp.

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the May 17, 2006 meeting minutes.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to approve the May 17, 2006 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Raccoon Ordinance, enforcement of the ordinance, and a report from V. Frankwich on raccoons in restaurant dumpsters.

S. Rubin seconded by Y. Welch, to accept V. Frankwich's report on raccoon's in restaurant dumpsters and forward the report to the City Manager.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding wildlife literature distribution, road fatalities, school wildlife pamphlet publication status, alligators, handling permits, iguana presentation by C. Lechowicz from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), Sanibel Gardens Butterfly report, Blind Pass parking, Care & Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) report, staff liaison report, vegetation plantings, SCCF report, publicity, beach activity reports, and wildlife sightings.

Y. Welch made motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
May 17, 2006**

Present: V. Frankwich, L. Schopp, R. Reece, G. Pati, S. Rubin, R. Ranieri,
D. Hardy, Y. Welch and Council Liaison M. Denham.

Absent: Staff Liaison J. Evans and Representatives from CROW and
SCCF.

Chairman V. Frankwich opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the April 19, 2006 meeting minutes.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to approve the April 19, 2006 minutes amended to add the names "D. Hardy" and "Y. Welch" under "Present".

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the introduction of the Natural Resources new employee H. Downing, brochure distribution, and the following resort and hotel distribution list for the new Committee members:

Y. Welch	E. Gulf Hotels & Resorts
R. Ranieri	W. Gulf Hotels & Resorts
D. Hardy	All other Sanibel Hotels & Resorts

Discussion ensued regarding the Sanibel School Wildlife Brochure.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by G. Pati; to approve S. Rubin to provide the paper to print the brochure called Driving to Save Wildlife by the Sanibel School fourth, fifth & sixth graders headed by A. Godsea.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Road Fatalities Report, Raccoon legislation update, raccoon proof latches for dumpsters, placing a speed indicator near Wulfert Road, an Iguana report update by Y. Welch, alligators, butterfly garden update, birdhouses, the Fishing Seminar, publicity, and summer Committee meetings.

Y. Welch made a motion, seconded by L. Schopp, that the Committee should not convene during the months of July, August, and September.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee agreed by consensus to excuse L. Schopp and G. Pati from the June Committee meeting as they will be out of town.

Discussion ensued regarding red algae, activity reports, and Committee wildlife sightings.

G. Pati made motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 19, 2006**

Present: V. Frankwich, L. Schopp, R. Reece, G. Pati, S. Rubin, R. Ranieri,
Staff Liaison J. Evans, C. Lechowicz from SCCF, D. Hardy, A.
Pinder from CROW and Council Liaison M. Denham.

Guest: N. Payne

Council Liaison M Denham called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m., and then opened the floor for nominations for the Wildlife Committee.

G. Pati nominated V. Frankwich for Chairman of the Wildlife Committee.

S. Rubin seconded the nomination.

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint V. Frankwich Chairman of the Wildlife Committee.

S. Rubin nominated G. Pati as Vice Chairman of the Wildlife Committee.

R. Reece seconded the nomination.

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint G. Pati as Vice Chairman of the Wildlife Committee.

The Committee thanked S. Rubin for her service as Vice Chairman, and discussion ensued regarding the March 15, 2006 meeting minutes.

S. Rubin made a motion, seconded by L. Schopp, to approve the March 15, 2006 minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding brochure distribution, the Wildlife Road Fatalities Report, and the Fishing Seminar.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by Y. Welch, to postpone the Fishing Seminar until November.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding butterfly gardens, CPR & AED Training for Committee members, and the Council request that the Wildlife Committee begin an Iguana study on Sanibel.

Public Comment:

Neil Payne commented on mosquito spraying effects on the butterfly population of Sanibel.

Discussion ensued regarding the Wildlife Committee goals accomplished in 2005, Alligators, Sanibel School students Wildlife Brochure draft, Staff Liaison report, the Council Liaison report, Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) report, Care & Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) report, wildlife survey, publicity, the Conservation Council report and Committee activity reports.

G. Schopp made motion, seconded by G. Pati, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

At the May 17, 2006 Wildlife Committee meeting G. Pati made a motion, seconded by blank S. Rubin, to approve the April 19, 2006 minutes amended to add the names D. Hardy and Y. Welch under present.

The motion passed unanimously.

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
March 15, 2006**

Present: V. Frankwich, L. Schopp, R. Reece, G. Pati, S. Rubin, and
Staff Liaison J. Evans

Excused: Council Liaison M. Denham, Chris Lechowicz from SCCF, and
C.R.O.W.

Guest: N. Payne, R. Ranieri, T. Gardner and B. Opp, Director of Lee
County Mosquito Control

Chairman Frankwich called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the February 15, 2006 meeting minutes.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to approve the February 15, 2006 minutes amended to delete "Vice chairman Rubin called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m." and replace with "Chairman Frankwich called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m."

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Lee County Mosquito Control District presentation by B. Opp on management of mosquitoes on Sanibel, literature distribution, Clam Bayou culvert, Road Fatalities Report, student wildlife pamphlet, Committee elections, the Fishing Seminar April 25 & 26, Raccoons, water quality resolutions, adding water quality as an agenda item for the next meeting, articles on algae blooms (see attached), staff liaison report, mangrove plantings, publicity, Conservation Council Report, Sanibel Gardens, Blind Pass, Bowman's Beach, Tarpon Bay, West Gulf Drive, Bay Drive, Fishing Pier, and wildlife sightings.

S. Rubin made motion, seconded by L. Schopp, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
February 15, 2006**

Present: V. Frankwich, L. Schopp, R. Reece, G. Pati, S. Rubin, Council Liaison M. Denham, Staff Liaison J. Evans and Chris Lechowicz from SCCF.

Excused: A representative from CROW.

Vice Chairman Rubin called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the January 16, 2006 meeting minutes.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by R. Reese, to approve the January 16, 2006 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the following wildlife brochures requested by local businesses:

Bait Box	1000 each	Resort Quest	1000 each
Best Western	50 each	Sanibel Arms West	100 each
Blind Pass Condo	100 each	Sanibel Beach club I	Done
Blue Dolphin	Done	Sanibel Beach club II	Done
Casa Ybel	Done	Sanibel Holiday	200 each
Chamber	Done	Sanibel Inn	100 each
Fishing Pier	1000 each	Sanibel One	125 each
Gulfside Place	100 each	Sanibel School	Done
Holiday Inn	100 each	Sanibel Siesta	100 each
Island Inn Vacations	100 each	Shell Is Bch Club	75 each
Lighthouse Bch	Done	Sundial Bch Resort	350 each
Lighthouse Condo	50 each	Surfrider	Done
Moorings	100 each	Tarpon Bay	None
Ocean Reach Condo	50 each	Tortuga Beach Club	Done
ReMax	Done	Waterside	50 each

Discussion ensued regarding the Fishing Seminar. The Seminar would take place on April 20 and April 21 from 9 am to 11:45 am. Adventures in Paradise would provide transportation, and G. Pati commented he would check with Bank of America, the Bait Box, and Banana Boat for donations for the seminar.

Discussion ensued regarding raccoons, a possible ordinance with an increase in the fine for feeding raccoons coming to Council for approval, eight latches on commercial garbage bins, and that the latches were successful in keeping out the raccoons, but hard for people to open.

Discussion ensued regarding tortoises, and, the St. Petersburg Times Article on the threat to Florida tortoises (See Attached).

Chris Lechowicz from the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) commented on the article, citing the current permits that allow re-locating or the killing of tortoises.

Discussion ensued regarding Council postponing a decision on Australian Pines until November, water quality issues, the Conservation Council report, publicity, the Sunshine Law, Council Liaison report, Staff Liaison report, Blind Pass mangrove plantings, the SCCF Report, Wildlife Survey, feral cats, wildlife educators report, the Wildlife Committee Annual report, and wildlife sightings.

Discussion ensued regarding the Road Fatalities Report, and the Sanibel School initiative. A. Godsea, Sanibel School fifth grade teacher, and fifth grader C. Slocombe made the following report on the student activities:

- Formed Community Problem Solvers to focus on reducing the amount of animals hit by cars on Sanibel.
- Founded Save Lives of Wildlife (SLOW) to help keep wildlife safe.
- Distributed a wildlife flyer at Luminary.
- Designing a power point presentation on the School website regarding wildlife safety.
- Students would like to hold a public wildlife forum with Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW).
- Initiated a CROW donation drive.

The Committee agreed by consensus to support the idea of a wildlife forum with CROW.

S. Rubin made motion, seconded by L. Schopp, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

At the March 15, 2006 Committee meeting G. Pati made a motion, seconded by S. Rubin, to approve the February 15, 2006 minutes amended to delete "Vice chairman Rubin called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m." and replace with "Chairman Frankwich called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m."

**WILDLIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING
January 25, 2006**

Present: L. Schopp, R. Reece, G. Pati, and S. Rubin.

Excused: V. Frankwich, Council Liaison M. Denham, Staff Liaison J. Evans,
B. Smith from SCCF and a representative from CROW.

Vice Chairman Rubin called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding Chairman Frankwich absence due to sickness.

Discussion ensued regarding the December 21, 2005 meeting minutes.

G. Pati made a motion, seconded by L. Schopp, to approve the December 21, 2005 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Raccoon initiative. City Manager J. Zimomra commented that the City would be putting 11 experimental self closing lids on City garbage bins to see if they would deter the raccoons.

Discussion ensued regarding the Bait Box and the fishing seminar. The Bait Box suggested after April 20 to have the seminar. The Committee agreed to table the discussion until Chairman Frankwich could attend.

11:10-1:21 Discussion ensued regarding an article on wildlife stasis changes, brochure distribution, the butterfly initiative. R. Reese commented that he would be working with SCCF to do a survey of walkways at Sanibel Garden Preserve to see what plants would be more contusive to butterflies.

Discussion ensued regarding publicity, the Conservation Council Report, the draft report and recommendations on Australian Pines. 1:35 last paragraph adopted from longer document.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sanibel Gardens Survey, water quality, Operation Redfish, and reports on Blind Pass, Bowman's Beach, Tarpon Bay, W. Gulf Drive, Bailey Road and the Fishing Pier.

Discussion ensued regarding wildlife sightings of alligators, white pelicans, loons, an eagle nest, and ospreys.

G. Pati made motion, seconded by R. Reece, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Mission

The basic mission of the Wildlife Committee (WLC) this year has been grounded on the foundation laid out in the previous years. This is to preserve and protect Sanibel's wildlife through advisory recommendations to the City Council.

Bottom line

The bottom line of this year's activities has been a substantial reduction in the mortality and injury of Sanibel's birds, achieved through vigorous education and improvements in disposal of fish remains, bait, monofilament and other habits that endanger our wildlife. The Wildlife Educators Program has been extremely successful and is credited with a reduction in the amount of monofilament line you find if you walk our beaches or fish our waters. Although still in progress, we have a handle on policies regarding raccoon feeding and iguana control.

Highlights of Activities

- Wildlife Educators of the committee have regularly educated people on their assigned beaches: Blind Pass, West Gulf Accesses 1-7, Bowman, Tarpon Bay, Donax and Narita, Bay Drive and Bailey Road, Lighthouse, and the Fishing Pier. It is not at all surprising to see a very high level of wildlife awareness at these locations. The visible beneficiary of this effort is CROW.
- Literature Distribution has continued on a scheduled basis. Participating distribution sites include over 40 condos, hotels, resorts, rental agencies, the fishing pier, Bait Box, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Sanibel School. Over 14,000 brochures and City pamphlets have been distributed. Numerous visitors from across the country have been amazed at the efforts of the City.
- Feeding of Raccoons has been another area of improvement this year. The Committee has researched the subject thoroughly and has conducted random, on-site investigations of establishments known as repeat offenders. Recommendations to the Council include:
 - Penalty for feeding raccoons be increased from \$500 to \$1,000.
 - Animal-proof flip-up bars be installed on all dumpsters used for food.
 - "Do not feed the raccoons" signs be placed on all restaurant food dumpsters.
 - Participation in recommending amendments to the 'Feeding of raccoons' ordinance.
 - Improved law enforcement to enforce the ordinance on a more forceful basis.

The Committee has also published newspaper articles and granted media interviews on the subject for public awareness and education.

- Iguanas and other exotic lizard management programs has been the subject of many Committee deliberations. We have studied the reports and appropriate recommendations have been made to the City Council. Overall we are pleased with the City's new "Exotic Lizards" educational brochure. Newspaper articles are available on the subject.
- Alligators are another subject the Committee has spent a lot of time on. The Committee has done research on the harvesting of alligators and recommended that the present alligator policy be maintained, and that non-nuisance alligators up to six feet be relocated to conservation areas. We are awaiting the University of Florida study for further review.
- The Fishing Pier is in a vastly improved condition. Periodic maintenance issues and upgrading of the fishing and other rules governing the pier have been communicated to the City Manager and action has been taken. The pier is a very important place for residents, visitors, and for wildlife management on our island. The Committee is pleased with this involvement.
- Sanibel Garden Survey has continued. Data on birds are available for inspection. The Committee has recommended repair of the bird boxes and entrance sign to the staff liaison.
- Road Fatalities: A monthly summary of road fatalities involving raccoons, opossums, armadillos, rabbits, and other animals, provided by Public Works, has been regularly compiled by the Committee and published monthly by the local newspapers.
- The Environmental Impact Conference called by Senator Burt Sanders was attended by Committee members who learned a great deal about the steps to be undertaken to end the detrimental affects of polluted water flowing into the Caloosahatchee and eventually to our estuaries. The committee has at least a dozen contact points to evaluate the effect of Senate Bill 392.
- Environmental Handbook: The Wildlife Committee has worked with the Vegetation Committee on changes to the Environmental Handbook.

Recommendation to the Council

The Committee once again has accomplished a great deal this year, with the assistance and encouragement of the City Manager, the Council, and the City staff. We are looking forward to continuing our work on these and other projects as may be assigned by the Council.

Thank you

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2006

Introduction:

Our mission is to protect and preserve the wildlife on Sanibel Island through advisory recommendations to the City Council of Sanibel.

Issues:

The following is a list of the prominent issues discussed or brought before the Committee:

- Alligator population
- Green Iguanas on Sanibel.
- Raccoons and dumpsters.
- Australian Pines.
- Road Fatalities.
- Red Drift Algae.
- Water Quality.
- Sanibel Pier Security

(See achievements and recommendations)

Accomplishments:

The following actions have been taken on the issues by the Wildlife Committee:

- Green Iguanas on Sanibel: Green Iguanas are the most common at Gumbo Limbo and Beachview, and represent a potential long-term problem. Their history, habits, and possible methods of control are covered in the Committee's Iguana Report.
- Raccoons: Ordinance 06-006, Section 10-8; The Wildlife Committee was instrumental in getting the penalty for the feeding of wild raccoons increased from fifty dollars to five hundred. The first fine for a dumpster violation has been issued and other citations given to restaurant owners. See January 16, 2007 news release.)
- Sanibel Fishing Pier: Concerns about the conditions and the overall functioning of the Pier were submitted to the Public Works Department in August 2006. The abusive conduct and vandalizing mostly by night fisherman was accurately recorded. The Committee's recommendation that night parking fees at this facility be initiated to halt the problems was approved by City Council. Maintenance and trash removal is positive and our present pier conditions can best be described as excellent.

- Over fifteen thousand pamphlets covering birds, alligators, shelling, and fishing regulations have been distributed to resorts, rental agencies, the Sanibel School, Fishing Pier and others by all of our members. This year the Committee added the Snowy Plover brochure. Translations of the Angler pamphlet into both Spanish and German are also offered.
- Wildlife Educators: Committee members have regular beach coverage assignments at Blind Pass, West Gulf Drive Accesses, Bowman's Beach, Tarpon Bay, Fulger, Donax, Nerita, Bay Drive and Bailey Road, Lighthouse Beach and the Fishing Pier. The Wildlife Committee is the ambassadors from Sanibel to the beach goers, and as necessary we pass on the messages included in our pamphlets and on our signs, to the public.
- Wildlife Surveys-Sanibel Gardens: A monthly walk-thru is conducted to record and tally sightings of birds and other wildlife to the Committee. Any concerns about conditions are reported to the Natural Resources Department.
- Road Fatalities: Fatalities involving raccoons, opossums, armadillos, and others, provided by the Public Works Department are compiled by the Committee and published on a monthly basis in our local newspapers. There were two hundred-eight fatalities for 2006 versus one hundred-ninety for 2005. Raccoons on Sanibel-Captiva Road topped the list. Opossums on Periwinkle Way were a far second.
- Australian Pines: We reviewed Professor Payne's correspondence on the pines, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Report. The Committee is concerned about the detrimental effects of large concentrations of Australian Pines on our island environment.
- Water Quality: Committee members have attended hearings, conferences and other forums involving state and Sanibel negative water conditions and their impact on our wildlife. Disseminations of our concerns and recommendations have included articles to both local and off island publications.

Goals & Recommendations for 2007:

- Alligators: Statistics and recommendations from the Committee are that the present alligator policy be maintained but that non-nuisance alligators up to six feet can be relocated to conservation areas. Failure to do this will wipe out the sustainable size necessary to breed and propagate. Statistics are included. Council follow-up is necessary for this to happen.
- The availability of Wildlife pamphlets from the City continues to be critical to our program's success.
- Keep public informed of monthly road fatalities on Sanibel.
- Wildlife and Fishing Habits Seminar: The Committee will be planning in 2007 to hold this special project in conjunction with our elementary school students. It will include proper use of fishing equipment on the fishing pier and on the beach, net casting and a Questions & Answer period with students regarding fish catching regulations, bird feeding, and concern for the environment. Members of the City Council will be invited to attend.

- Raccoon Ordinance: It is everybody's responsibility to comply with Sanibel laws. Island restaurant managers and owners must know that they are included. Now this \$500 applies to those who choose not to obey.
- Red Drift Algae: Concerns about algae removal practices have been emailed to the City Council by Committee members. Any use of heavy machinery for beach cleanup must be prohibited.

Conclusions:

This has been another positive year for the Wildlife Committee. We the City Council, the City Manager, and her staff, the Natural Resources Department, Public Works Department, the Police Department and other for making it happen. The Wildlife Committee plans to continue to maintain its present projects and include other as they present themselves.

Respectfully Submitted,

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