



## Observer Corps Report

Organization Observed	Sarasota County Commission
Date of Observation	10/8/25
Name of Observer(s)	Susie Murray
Online site	Scvgov.net
Link to audio/video	
Hours of meeting and hours observed	9-12:30

### Report:

Type of meeting:	Regular
Members absent	All commissioners present
Staff present	County Administrator, County Attorney, Clerk, Parks staff, Nokomis firefighters
Media present	
Audience/Special interest groups	Hermitage supporters, Mental health NAMI staff, Archives staff, SPARC staff, Ted Sperling Park residents
Major Issues	<p>Nokomis Fire Department changes as station added.</p> <p>Hermitage repairs after storm damage. Long discussion of costs and timing, Resulted in two options: County and FEMA and delays for process or Hermitage and County support with change in lease agreement. Decision to go to Hermitage Board.</p>



<p>Adequate discussion of issues?</p>	<p>Yes, during Discussion section.</p> <p>Reports section had motions filed that were not on the agenda for citizen comments.</p> <p>Mast proposed Charlie Kirk road naming and motion approved 5-0</p> <p>Smith requests reevaluation by HUD of housing maintenance. Approved 5-0</p> <p>Neunder requested trust of public land for Legacy Trail connector- approved 5-0.</p> <p>Neunder proposed contract extension for Sportsman Assoc -approved 5-0</p> <p>Ben Quartermain gave a stormwater report for County Administrator. Dredging now waiting for Corps permit held up by federal shutdown. There is a new work order map with information on ditch cleanups.</p>
<p>Public comment</p>	<p>Jon Thaxton asked for approval of consent item 4a and b.</p> <p>Hermitage had 7 speakers in support of the Hermitage asking that County utilize their contractor and pay the costs.</p> <p>Ted Sperling Park had three citizens asking for a resolution of the loud parties and beach access for jet ski operators.</p>
<p>Significant Outcomes</p>	<p>Nokomis Fire Dept volunteers have a new contract- approved 5-0.</p> <p>Final input on south County storm cleanup contract waiting on Hermitage Board meeting.</p>
<p>Points of Agreement</p>	<p>Hermitage will wait for County contractor to complete FEMA process or pay for damages now and in the future.</p>
<p>Points of Controversy</p>	<p>Hermitage was not given what was requested and all south county projects on hold until resolved if Hermitage will be removed from County responsibility.</p>



Future Action Planned	10/22 meeting cancelled. Agenda items moved to 10/21/25.
Officials attentive/ alert?	yes
Visitors treated with respect?	Yes – Commissioners expressed dismay at Hermitage tone of emails addressed to Commissioners.