

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

December 1, 2016

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present at 6:05 pm when the meeting commenced at Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center meeting room: Paul Kragh, Vice Chairperson, Diana Guidry, Gary Hines, Ian Dasho, Janice Malkoff, Michelle McKay, Lill Maniscalco, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Jan Lowenthal, excused; Stephanie Sui, CCHS Liaison

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Kirschbaum and Jeanette Wolford, City Arborist

APPROVE THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Janice, and seconded by Lill, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016, which were then unanimously approved by the Board.

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Tina Hudson, who dropped off GAB minutes and paperwork right before the meeting, advised that Scott Lynch has officially submitted his resignation to GAB since his family moved away. This vacated position is now officially available for commission appointment.

NEW BUSINESS: Paul produced a circular featuring a variety of GAB T-shirts that are available for sale to newer GAB members who do not currently own one. Board members are responsible for this purchase.

Janice mentioned she noticed that some of the plants in the Butterfly Garden of the Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center have died. Diana made a motion to spend up to \$100 to refurbish this butterfly garden with mulch and lower ground cover. Janice seconded it, and the Board officially approved. Jeanette mentioned that some of the local parks have lost plants, also. We discussed possible new sites that might be heartier locations to establish future butterfly gardens.

Diana announced that the county's annual Water Matters Day will held on March 11, 2017, which happens to be the same day as Cooper City's Founders Day this year. Stephanie and the CCHS Environmental Club will be recruited to help Jeri host an environmental activity at Founder's Day. Other Board members will assist with WMD earlier in the day at Tree Tops Park. Residents will have to shuffle between the two throughout the day as activities are scheduled at both.

Janice and Lill will try to attend the 12/13/16 Commission meeting (in keeping with GAB's discussion last month to try to have members attend on a rotating basis.) Diana said that GAB needs to make its annual report to the commission, and GAB could promote NWF community certification in this report. GAB was encouraged to request 15 minutes to present at an upcoming meeting.

Diana asked Jeanette if the city's Tree Inventory has proven to be of help to the city, and Jeanette indicated that it has already come in handy in several instances. One of them was for the city's tree pruning services which has a tight budget, and Jeanette was able to use this study to determine the greatest area of need.

OLD BUSINESS: Three weeks ago, GAB requested that a workshop meeting be held before the regularly schedule GAB meeting in order to study and discuss the status of the city's NWF community certification efforts/ As a result of this workshop, Diana reported its findings to GAB, and she added that Coral Springs has recently met certification requirements. GAB's hope is that Cooper City will be able to become certified soon, also. Janice made a motion that GAB allocate up to \$200 to cover the costs of application fees for 10 additional city parks/common areas to become certified. Diana seconded this motion, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Diana then explained the \$68 expense (previously Board approved) to obtain the pine cones for the 'Light Up Cooper City' festivities on Friday, 12/2/16. These pine cones will be used as an environmental activity to make owls at this event.

Paul announced that the Recycle Bank spokesperson is only available on the 3rd week of the month, so we could possibly have a meeting utilizing 'facetime.' A tour of the Recycle Plant is still on the agenda, and Paul is expecting the plant to contact him within a few days. The plant is only open for tours from Monday-Thursday during business hours.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 6:00 PM. Discussion will continue regarding motions for money allocated for NWF certification and to refurbish the RCPT Center Butterfly Garden.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, Green Advisory Board Secretary. The foregoing Minutes were approved by vote and signed by _____ = Paul Kragh, Vice Chairperson of the Green Advisory Board, on _____, 2017.