

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, September 1, 2016

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:05 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center.

ATTENDANCE: **ATTENDANCE:** The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Paul Kragh, Vice Chairperson, Diana Guidry, Jan Lowenthal, Janice Malkoff, Lill Maniscalco, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Scott Lynch, Gary Hines, Ian Dasho, Michelle McKay

Also in attendance: Stephanie Sui, CCHS student liaison

APPROVE THE MINUTES: (postponed until October meeting when copies of the June 2, 2016, minutes will be available for review)

OPENING REMARKS: Everyone wished Scott Lynch (in absentia) the best of luck as he and his family head for the DC area where new job opportunities await. Due to Scott's departure, there will consequently be a GAB position available when Scott renders his resignation to the commission. Since Scott was elected in June as the new chairperson, another chairperson will have to be determined. Paul would like to continue as vice chairperson, so we will discuss this at the next meeting when all members are present. Paul will act as temporary chair until a new chair is elected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: The board resumed discussion of the city's annual Tree and Plant Care Workshop on September 24, 2016, at the Cooper City Hall Auditorium. Paul will be one of the guest speakers that day, and will speak on burrowing owls. Janice suggested inviting Recycle Bank to the workshop to display information about proper recycling habits. Residents also need to learn about the points that can be earned for participating in the program. These points can be redeemed for coupons at local businesses or can be donated to local schools for environmental programs. Diana suggested that having an insert to this effect in the participant packets at the workshop would be helpful. Paul will run this by Jeanette Wofford. If approved, contact with Recycle Bank will have to be made. It was also suggested that Recycle Bank representatives be asked to speak at Cooper City schools and be available at any appropriate city event (such as the semi-annual garage sale) to help educate residents about the recycle program.

Lill asked about the status of the city's NWF Certified Yards. Diana did not have current information available, but we could include information about this in the participant packets at Tree and Plant Care Workshop, also. Again, Jeanette will be approached.

The trifold display is currently in Jeanette Wofford's office and can be used for the Tree and Plant Care Workshop. Diana mentioned that Scott had obtained 100 NWF Butterfly Hero Kits over the summer which are also currently being housed in Jeanette's office. GAB needs ask Jeanette how she wants these kits distributed.

Paul will confirm with Tina the status of the GAB budget. We had previously allocated money for the display folders.

Paul then gave an update on the Burrowing Owl Projects. South Broward College is doing construction and owls there need to be relocated. The college will pay for the nine burrows that are being created for this relocation. Paul was hopeful that CC and other communities would become involved in the owl protection effort. Audubon is preparing the wording of a legal document to present to city commissions. Paul was encouraged to approach CC Commission when this document is available.

GAB resumed discussion of the tour of the Recycling Plant. Perhaps Thursday, October 27, which is an Early Release Day at public schools, could be arranged?

NEW BUSINESS:

Stephanie thought it would be worthwhile to have 'green' activities with elementary schools this year. She was also interested in luring community participation in green awareness activities with fellow students in SITE (Students Interested In the Environment) Club at CCHS. Whole Foods or Publix might supply food to support the effort. Diana, Janice and Jan gave guidance tips to encourage her. Jeri invited Stephanie to bring her fellow club members to Pioneer to learn how to make environmental giveaways and books. She also explained how she was planning to involve middle and elementary students in environmental activities this year. She invited Stephanie to work in tandem with her. Diana suggested that SITE perhaps arrange a visit to the Waste Management Recycling Plant off of US 27. Long Key Natural Area and Nature Center is another opportunity for student volunteer involvement. Stephanie will give a monthly report on the progress of these activities.

In that vein, GAB discussed a host of exciting upcoming activities taking place at Long Key Nature Center, Flamingo Gardens and NatureScape Broward.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATION:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 6:00pm in the Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center. Election of a new GAB chairperson will take place.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made by Janice and seconded by Jan, it was unanimously VOTED by the board to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Paul Mag, Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 11/3/16, 2016