

## GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, May 5, 2016

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:10 pm at Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center meeting room.

**ATTENDANCE:** **ATTENDANCE:** The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Jan Lowenthal, Janice Malkoff, Scott Lynch, Paul Kragh, Michelle McKay, Ian Dasho and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Gary Hines, Vice Chair, Lill Maniscalco, both excused. Stephanie Sui arrived but was excused because of the nature of this month's meeting which involved selection of the Waste Management scholarship recipients.

Also in attendance: Luigi Pace of Waste Management, Government Affairs Officer/Liaison; Tina Hudson (briefly), and Mandy Jiang, CCHS student, who made a hasty exit with Stephanie.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** The minutes were postponed until the end of the meeting. Jan then made a motion to approve the April minutes, and with Ian's second to this, the board unanimously voted approval.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Luigi Pace introduced himself to the Board as the Waste Management scholarship representative, and each board member in turn then had a personal complimentary 'tidbit' to share about the excellent services provided by Waste Management and its collection staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** The board immediately began reviewing the applications to select the winning recipients of the Waste Management Environmental Scholarship 2015/16. Copies of each application were reviewed for a minimum of 10 minutes while the letters of recommendation for each candidate were circulated amongst all the board members. Each candidate was then rated individually by each board member using a prearranged rubric which had been discussed before the selection process began. After all of the applications were carefully reviewed and rated by each 'judge', the total points earned by each applicant was tallied to determine the top two winners who will each receive \$2500 in scholarship funds. The next two winners will each receive a \$1250 scholarship for a total of \$7500 of scholarship money.

The board briefly resumed discussion of whether to meet for the summer months. It was unanimously agreed to meet in June but tentatively agreed not to meet in July and August. This decision will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Jan commended Jeri on her Wildlife Awareness efforts at Cooper City Founder's Day on April 30. The activity was planned and designed for student involvement (the students ran the entire event) and interaction with the community. Jan was so impressed with the character of the students who ran this, and Jeri agreed that they were a special group. Scott was commended for his efforts in applying for the booth, for obtaining the Black Torch and Black Ironwood seedling giveaways, and for help with setup. Paul and Jan were thanked for their efforts in preparing the seedlings, as well. Jeri had obtained additional giveaways from the Coast Guard like stickers, tattoos and environmental cartoon booklets. According to the comments from all involved, the exhibit was a total success and one that Jeri promised we could use again in the future!

**NEW BUSINESS:** Diana told about her experience at the University of Hawaii, Maui campus, on Earth Day and the environmental efforts being taken there to preserve the islands.

Paul announced the Feb 12, 2017, Gala in the Gardens to be held in honor of Flamingo Gardens' 90 year celebration! He encouraged everyone to save the day!

Jeri then commented that her Eco Club (Silent Caretakers) had won a \$1000 grant from Recycle Bank. There had been a small awards ceremony at Pioneer on April 28 involving Vanessa Santos-Garza, Recycle Bank representative from Texas, with Bruce Loucks and Denise LeSarte, both city representatives, in attendance. Additionally, the club members will be recognized at the May 24 City Commission meeting for their efforts this year to keep Pioneer 'green'. Jeri explained that the grant was earned by submitting an online grant application to Recycle Bank last fall. The grant was then posted and competed nationwide with other grant applications. Members of Recycle Bank around the country donated earned credits to the cause of their choice. The board now has the answer to a previously asked question as to whether individual households could donate their earned Recycle Bank credits to other causes.

Diana then discussed the possibility of passing the baton of Chairperson/Vice Chair to others as she and Gary have been chairpersons of GAB for 8 years. She and Gary would both like to remain on the board but would like to pass this shared honor to other members next fall.

**BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATION:**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at 6:00pm in the Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion duly made by Ian and seconded by Jan, it was unanimously VOTED by the board to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by \_\_\_\_\_, Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015