

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, March 7, 2013

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:03 pm in the Community Conference Room.

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Gary Hines, Didier Dupuy, Patti Webster, Debra Athias, Janice Malkoff, Ian Dasho, Janice Lowenthal, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Gladys DiGirolamo, excused

Also present: Robert Kirschbaum, Cynthia Schaefer, Patricia Martineau

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Janice made a motion to approve the February 7, 2013, minutes, Ian seconded the motion, and they were unanimously approved.

OPENING REMARKS: Diana introduced the newest GAB member, Janice(Jan) Lowenthal, retired School Board employee, who told a bit about her background. The members then each introduced themselves to Jan and gave her a hearty welcome aboard.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Diana gave the residents in attendance a chance to speak. Ms Martineau wanted to know how to apply to be on GAB and how to volunteer at Water Matters Day, specifically at the CC/GAB booth, in the afternoon. She has attended meetings in the past and has shown an interest in serving on GAB. Cynthia Schaefer, from Davie, came to observe our meeting. She did ask about the possibility of planting edible trees in the city, and we directed her to contact Public Works.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Robert Kirschbaum gave us an update on the Re-engage Program which was addressed at the last meeting. He explained that the plan for the tree inventory has been broken into geographic areas with the intent of participating volunteers taking inventory of their own neighborhoods. He requested information on how to contact master gardeners in the city, but that training would be available for other interested residents. Trees will be identified by type, circumference, and height with information entered into GPS for ongoing maintenance and treatment as a pre-storm documentation/disaster prevention effort. The grant money will be available sometime in April. Diana asked how he preferred GAB to handle this project at Water Matters Day on March 9, 2013. Pertinent discussion followed, and we suggested that Robert plan to meet Dr. John Pipoli at WMD on Saturday.

The Waste Management Scholarship Application is up and running on the city's website. Word is out! We decided to promote it at the GAB booth at WMD. Janice said she had sent the information to the science department chair at Nova High School, and Jeri had emailed Jessica Woodward, CCHS SITE Club Sponsor. Janice agreed to advertise the information to all the county magnet high schools in the near future. The deadline is May 1, 2013. A representative from Waste Management will be at the May 2 GAB meeting to review the applications. Janice suggested whiting out the names of the electronic applications (which we will suggest that Carol do), and GAB will review the 10 top candidates who apply. Janice asked about a grading rubric, and we discussed the parameters we might use. Each GAB member will be asked to preview all the applications a week prior to May 2. Any applications submitted later than that will be previewed before the May 2 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Water Matters Day is Saturday, March 9, and Diana passed around a map of the layout with 50 environmental entities participating (GAB is booth #15), and she showed us the giveaways for

the GAB booth. GAB would tell about the new recycle carts, the city's new Sustainability Plan, and the new scholarship. We discussed plans for the day with volunteer coverage and games for giveaways. Diana will display the map for NWF backyard certification and have applications available to residents. Debra will prepare pertinent questions and answers about Cooper City to ask participants who visit the booth for the giveaways.

Founders Day Parade and Booth for April 27 was then discussed. Diana gave Jeri the application to register her students to march with/for GAB and booth coverage. Jeri will be responsible for both activities: for registering and for arranging student participation at both the parade and booth.

Ian explained how he has become involved in the landscaping/beautification of CC Elementary School. He is trying to assist their newly formed Environmental Club which is meeting on Thursdays from 2-3pm. Jeri suggested that the CCHS SITE Club members could become involved in helping. Jan suggested that we should provide a consulting/ advisory role for the club. We discussed all the possibilities to help him with this effort.

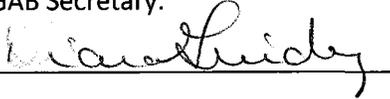
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: We then turned the meeting over to Patti Webster who wanted to address the club and its new members.

NEXT MEETING: We will discuss more about Founder's Day Parade and Booth and the edits for the Sustainability guideline which Debra has prepared for next month's meeting. We will also further discuss Ian's efforts with the CC Elementary School Environmental Club.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by , Chair of the Green Advisory Board on 4-4-13, 2013.