

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 4, 2013

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 5:30 pm with seven people in attendance.

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

Not in attendance: Gladys DiGirolamo, Debra Athas, Jan Lowenthal

Also in attendance: Patricia Martineau who, as a potential new GAB member, was invited to join the discussion table.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: After Diana read the March GAB minutes aloud, Janice motioned and Patti seconded approval with unanimous agreement by the rest of the board. (Please make note that in order to avoid confusion, all future reference made to the name Jan will refer to Mrs. Lowenthal, and all future reference made to the name Janice will refer to Mrs. Malkoff in future minutes.)

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (not applicable)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: The Board resumed discussion of the city's new Sustainability Plan implementation guide. The goal in mind was to hone, polish and deliver a completely edited copy to the commission before the end of the fiscal year so that the checklist is in place for the new year. GAB reviewed the plan item by item to evaluate, restate, tweak, clarify and/or fully explain every action in the plan to avoid any possible misinterpretation. Patti offered suggestions regarding Plan It Green, GEEK, city arborist, wetland mitigation/designation at specific sites for GAB collaboration in future grant opportunities. We recognized Patti's passion to make recommended positive environmental changes. Diana redirected the board to continue scrutiny for editing recommendations/typographical errors and asked for each member's contribution for final edit next month.

Diana then presented the community's National Wildlife Habitat map which will be displayed at Founder's Day by Jeri and her 8th grade Pioneer students. Cooper City currently has 86 certified yards and needs 150 backyards, 5 schools (accomplished) and 5 common areas to become a certified community. Our city/county parks, wetlands, community pocket parks can all be considered for the common areas requirement. Jeannette Wofford has volunteered to assist. Jeri plans to promote the habitat initiative at Founder's Day, also, and GAB will encourage publicity about this effort.

Ian then explained the progress of the CC Elementary Environmental Enthusiasts Club, and Gary offered plants and mulch for a re-beautification project. Diana explained how a tree will be delivered to Pioneer Middle School as a goodwill gesture since CC Elementary cannot use one at this time. Gary and Diana made suggestions on how Ian can work with ground supervisors to accomplish his goals at CC Elementary. Diana offered for GAB to walk the premises with Mr. Sciallo to offer suggestions for school grounds improvement.

Janice then asked about the status of the scholarship program. She said she had contacted the county's magnet schools to publicize this opportunity to potential candidates. Diana reported that there have been several scholarship application inquiries, but no applications have been submitted to Carol yet.

NEW BUSINESS: Ian noticed that the GAB meetings are not posted on the city's website calendar and there are no current minutes posted either! Diana made a note to mention this to Carol Adams. Janice mentioned that there is substantial disregard of the county's water restriction policy of 2 days/week in her development, and we suggested that the city's monthly email include reminders of the fines involved for violations. She recommended that the city include this reminder in the city mailings, water bills, and other publications.

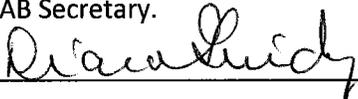
We then discussed the Founder's Day Parade and Booth which Jeri will arrange to promote GAB issues. Jeri volunteered to 'man' the booth this year since all the other GAB members have prior commitments. Her 8th grade students will be properly prepared to promote the new scholarship program, recycling habits, water saving tips, and NWF backyard certification within the community. They will also march in the Founder's Day Parade, as they did last year, with environmental posters featuring appropriate community issues of concern. Mike Bailey will provide give away items, as he did for Water Matters Day, for the booth activities which the students will plan. Jeri will submit the required applications to Linda Goode for both the parade and booth activities.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: GAB will resume the final edit of city's implementation guidelines for Sustainability Plan. We will be familiar with the scholarship rubric for selection of candidates next month.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by , Chair of the Green
Advisory Board on 6-4-, 2013