

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, May 2, 2013

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of Community Center.

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

Not in attendance: none

Also in attendance: Dawn McCormick, Manager, Community AffairsWaste Management representative.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Janice Malkoff made a motion that the April minutes be approved with minor corrections to names, Ian seconded it, and the board unanimously approved.

OPENING REMARKS: Diana opened the meeting with an introduction of our guest, Dawn McCormick, who is the manager of Community Affairs for Waste Management, Inc, of Florida. She attended this meeting to represent Waste Management in the candidate review and scholarship recipient selection.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (not applicable)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: The Board dedicated most of the meeting to reviewing applications for the newly created Academic Scholarship Program. Waste Management provided \$7000 in funds which was divided into two \$2500 and two \$1250 scholarships. As the deadline for submitting an application was the previous day (May 1), there were a few late submissions to incorporate into the mix. The board then discussed and outlined the criteria to be used in judging the applications. Once everyone was in agreement, we each reviewed the applications in our packets with Diana reading the letters of recommendation (which had not been included.) After discussion of the qualifications of each applicant, we then independently rated the candidates using a 5 point rating scale (with 5 being the highest) on 4 specific categories: Essay, Community Service, References, and Career Choice. At the end of the independent judging, the scores were tallied, and the top scoring candidates were discussed further. At the end of discussion, the four winners were selected. They will be notified and honored at the next Commission meeting on May 28, 2013. They will also be announced as winners at the Senior Graduation Night Awards Ceremony at their high schools. It was made clear that the winners would have their scholarship funds sent directly to the school of choice – not given to them directly.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Ian gave the Board an update on the status of the Environmental Club at Cooper City Elementary School, and Gary volunteered to assist with shrubbery selection for the school's front yard. Jeri reported on the status of the newly donated and planted cinnacord tree that Diana had graciously donated to Pioneer Middle School for Arbor Day and Earth Day. As the meeting was beginning, Jeri passed around photos of the tree along with those of her students who had participated in the Founder's Day Parade and who had manned the Green Advisory Board's booth in the afternoon at Brian Piccolo Park. Over 120 student-grown coreopsis planters were given out to the community along with pertinent information on recycling bins and habits, water conservation, NWF Backyard Certification and the new Academic Scholarship Program. The students did a fantastic job!

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013, in the Community Center Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: After Gladys's motion and Debra's second to adjourn, the meeting ended at 8:40pm with unanimous approval.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary

The foregoing Minutes were approved by , Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 9-5-13, 2013.