

## GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, June 6, 2013

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:05pm in the Community Center conference room.

**ATTENDANCE:** The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Didier Dupuy, Debra Athias, Janice Malkoff, Gladys DiGirolamo, Jan Lowenthal and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary.

Not in attendance: Ian Dasho, Gary Hines, Patti Webster

Also in attendance: Bob Kirschbaum, Community Service Project Manager

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** Janice made a motion and Debra seconded the May minutes with one correction on the amount of money awarded by the new Waste Management scholarship. It should read in the amount of \$1250 - not \$12500! GAB unanimously agreed approval with this one typo.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Diana showcased a recent issue of DRW magazine featuring an article on Mayor Ross and the new Waste Management/CC Academic Scholarship. She also mentioned that the Town of Davie recently became a NWF Certified Community.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr. Kirschbaum announced that Cooper City Commission had received a 12 month grant (\$20,000) from Bloomberg Foundation via Community Foundation of Broward. The name of the grant is Re-Engage for Good to hopefully encourage baby boomer participation. This grant had requested that two programs be approved for baby-boomer involvement. One was for refurbishment of the city's Historical Room at the Pool and Tennis Club in Rock Creek, and the other was for the creation of an updated city tree inventory (not on private property or in gated communities.) With an estimated 10,000 trees in the Cooper City area, this was a reasonable request. One goal was to determine tree maintenance requirements and the other was for liability documentation. Tree species, height, circumference, and GPS/aerial location are the main features to be coded and inventoried. Mr. Kirschbaum encouraged GAB to support this effort and to help recruit knowledgeable volunteers – there will be training session available, but they have not yet been scheduled. Baby boomers are ideal participants, but if teenagers want to participate, it is recommended that they be accompanied by an adult. However, every person's participation is appreciated and encouraged. Mr. Kirschbaum anticipated that this will be a simple procedure, but he requested software that would assist this effort. Gladys suggested that surveyors currently do this type of research, and that perhaps there are devices available to borrow rather than to purchase. Eyestreet was mentioned as a possibility for software use. The efforts are planned to begin in June/July, 2013, (with completion dates of January/February, 2014) at local parks and must be completed within the 12 month grant timeline. Diana suggested that Mr. Kirschbaum attend the Trees Florida Conference and Trade Show 2013 from June 9-11 at Weston Beach Resort in Ft. Lauderdale. He said he would look into it and consult with Jeannette Wofford. Diana also suggested recruiting volunteers at the annual Tree and Plant Workshop in September, 2013. Mr. Kirschbaum could briefly speak to this group where the event would also be televised to the community! Diana said there are a number of knowledgeable volunteers in Cooper City. Mr. Kirschbaum said he had consulted with Dr. Pipoly, of the IFAS Extension Service on Water Matters Day and with Mark Torok from the Division of Forestry. Information about this volunteer opportunity was hoped to be included soon on the city's website.

As far as the History Room was concerned, Diana suggested that this room be featured at the Founder's Day festivities such as the Pancake Breakfast. This could draw attention to the grant effort.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (not applicable)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Unfortunately no GAB members were able to attend the Cooper City High School Awards Ceremony on May 23 where the Waste Management Academic Scholarship winners were announced. The mayor received several thank you notes from the lucky recipients.

Diana then explained the status of the CC Community Wildlife Habitat registration. The city accumulates points in a variety of ways to help this cause. She felt that the city is ripe for the development of a demonstration/habitat garden. Diana has funds available from NatureScape for community efforts, and she suggested using the funds for a wildlife station. Suggested locations include the Community Center and/or park areas. She suggested a group meeting of volunteers to discuss the possibilities. Jan and Janice, who are both members of the North American Butterfly Association, and Jeannette Wofford could help design the garden. It was suggested that the CC Summer Camp kids could help plant the grounds around the Community Center if it is a designated site. We checked calendars and proposed dates for a meeting with Jeannette in June to discuss this. Diana suggested that we could promote awareness of the wildlife demonstration garden at the city's Landscape Workshop with a scaled model of this on display.

The Implementation Checklist for Sustainability Plan was then reviewed and edited (again) by GAB with suggestions made to Debra who will graciously make the recommended corrections.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jeri was congratulated for being the winning middle school teacher of the 2013 Preserving Our Planet for Posterity (P3) Eco-Challenge Awards ceremony. She expressed her sincere appreciation for being chosen to receive this award. It was a memorable night for all involved.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled GAB meeting would fall on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, so GAB will not meet again until August 1, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Diana Hidy, Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 9-5-, 2013