

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, August 1, 2013

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:04 pm in the Nutrition Room of the Community Center.

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Janice Malkoff, Ian Dasho, Jan Lowenthal, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Gladys DiGirolamo, Debra Athas, and Didier Dupuy who were all excused. Patti Webster was not present and as yet has not resigned from the board. Gary Hines was absent.

Also in attendance in the audience: Bob Kirschbaum and Patricia Martineau

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for May, June and August will be postponed until the September meeting when a quorum of members are present.

OPENING REMARKS: Diana opened the meeting by announcing that she is conducting another NWF teacher stewardship workshop all week via NatureScape! This is an ongoing effort to certify as many public school teachers as possible which is partly why Broward County was named the first school district in the nation to become National Wildlife Certified last summer!

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Diana asked Ian for updates on the CC Elementary Environmental Enthusiasts' Club as it relates to GAB's participation. Gary will provide impetus for this in the upcoming school year along with Plantation High School's Environmental Magnet students who also volunteer in this regard.

Bob Kirschbaum then addressed the board and said he would be regularly attending the GAB meetings to provide an update of the Re-Engage Tree Inventory Program. Bob said there is now a tablet purchased with GPS capability to inventory the location of the trees in the city. Janice suggested he look into an additional option which estimates a tree's HEIGHT (referring to equipment her husband uses when playing golf,) and Bob said he would look into it. Progress toward the Inventory Program has been slow, but another Re-Engage project (to restore the CC Historical Room) has already begun. Bob said his goal is to find volunteers who enjoy nature and being outdoors to assist with the inventory process.

Janice asked about the status of the Waste Management scholarship and whether it will be renewed. Diana said we would have to wait and see if this is going to be an annual opportunity. We did receive thank you letters from the grateful recipients.

Diana reported on the editorial status of the annual evaluation form regarding the implementation of the City's Green Plan. There is only one recommended editing suggestion remaining, and this will be forwarded to Debra who has graciously assisted with the editing. Bob suggested that GAB meet with the commission at regular intervals to discuss issues of concern, and Diana said she would look into this.

NEW BUSINESS: Diana reported on the status of the meeting that the GAB committee had with Janette Wofford regarding the promotion of NWF Certified Yards and Habitat/Wildlife Gardens within the city. The consensus at the meeting was for Diana to speak at the CC Tree and Plant Workshop in September. A small scale demo habitat/garden will hopefully be on display at this workshop for the participants to appreciate and from which they can get ideas. Debra has approached Florida Nursery Mart on Griffin

Road for free plants for this display in exchange for free advertising. Diana will loan her composter and bird bath, and Jan offered to bring her rain barrel. By the next meeting we hope to have more details about the demo garden display. GAB members agreed to meet before the Landscape Workshop to help set up the display. Diana will register all the GAB members for attendance at this September 28 event. Diana then requested a volunteer to create a flyer to distribute to participants at the event. This flyer will need to be approved by Jeannette before distribution. Jan suggested modifying Diana's current NatureScape flyer for this purpose. Diana also discussed the possibility of creating a city butterfly garden at local parks which we agreed to discuss at future meetings. Janice suggested that we could encourage NWF Certified Yards in CC at Commission Meetings and via the city's newsletter website via Jeanette Wofford. Ian volunteered to check out submitting information about this for the city newsletter. Ian also suggested raffling a free yard consultation for NWF certification to a lucky participant at the Landscape Workshop. Jan suggested having a silent slide show presentation of NWF certified yards before the workshop begins and during the breaks. GAB members agreed that these are both great ideas. Our guest in the audience, Patricia Martineau, also suggest including edible plants in the display garden to encourage sustainability.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: GAB will further discuss details of the demo garden for 9-28-13 along with butterfly garden possibilities at local parks.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm after Jeri's recommendation, Ian's second and the board's unanimous agreement.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Diana Thuidy, Chair of the Green
Advisory Board on 9-5, 2013