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GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 7, 2016

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:07 pm in the Meeting Room of the Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center.

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Jan Lowenthal, Janice Malkoff, Scott Lynch, Gary Hines, Lill Maniscalco, Paul Kragh and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Ian Dasho, Michelle McKay, excused

Also in attendance: Bob Kirschbaum

APPROVE THE MINUTES: After Janice's motion and Lill's second to it, the board unanimously agreed to approve the GAB minutes from December, 2015. Diana will follow up with Carol regarding the October, 2015, minutes which have not yet been approved by the board.

OPENING REMARKS: The city's Tree Inventory Program has been completed with a grand total count of 10,501 trees according to Bob Kirschbaum who was the illustrious leader in charge of this effort. Bob suggested having a brief Appreciation Reception for all the volunteers at the next GAB meeting to honor all those who participated in the inventory. This would serve a dual purpose by introducing these volunteers to GAB's purpose and efforts. Bob also plans to prepare a report of the tree types and their preponderance in the city. Bob also gave a brief update on the now defunct Historical Renovation segment of the Bloomberg Grant that was capitulated with the Tree Inventory Grant (all part of an effort to re-engage the baby boomers.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Diana opened discussion about the Waste Management tour. Lill suggested that we let Water Management decide what day is good for them, and Diana suggested an Early Release Day or Teacher Workday as WM is closed on holidays. Janice wondered if there were a way to encourage better recycling efforts among the community as she has been discouraged to see how often her neighbors recycle. Scott said that the waste to energy is the new trend. We discussed the need to make the community more recycling 'aware,' and how to make residents aware of the city's new Recycle Bank coupon redemption program. Is it possible for unredeemed points to be donated or automatically transferred to a community cause, perhaps?

Janice asked about the availability of members to attend the city's Senior Lifestyle Expo on 1/16/16 from 9am-12:30pm. Linda Good invited GAB to participate in this again. Paul volunteered to come with his wife, and Jan and Jeri said they could stop by for a while. The trifold is housed with Jeanette Wofford at this time, and Scott gave a report of the current information currently on display. We suggested promoting the NWF Backyard Habitat Certification applications. Diana suggested paying for the application fee from GAB funds for the seniors who apply and submit forms to Public Works. Janice made a motion to allocate \$600 of GAB funds to pay for up to 30 residents who apply for NWF Backyard Habitat Certification within the city. Jeri seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved it. Upon approval of the use of these funds by the city for this purpose, the funds will be available until the first 30 candidates submit applications to Jeanette Wofford at Public Works.

The Plastic Bag Resolution has been submitted to City Manager for review.

NEW BUSINESS: The updated GAB membership contact information list was circulated and updated by each member. The Board welcomed Stephanie Sui as the CCHS liaison to GAB. Diana told her about the CCHS SITE Club's participation in the tree giveaway booth at Water Matters Day which will be held on March 12, 2016 from 9am-3pm. Diana asked Stephanie to relay her encouragement for Students Interested In the Environment to once again participate in this year's WMD.

Diana then explained that the bird strikes at Ft. Lauderdale Airport have become a concern, and this needs to be addressed for safety purposes. Kelly Heffernan of Project Perch rallied to find a solution to this problem. The airport is assisting with the capture and relocation of burrowing owls which are the prey of the raptors that are causing the problem. On Saturday from 9am-12:30pm, 30 artificial burrows made of PVC pipe will be laid at the West Ridge Park open space on Nob Hill Road. Diana invited GAB members to attend on 1/9/16 if anyone is available/interested/has the wherewithal.

Janice shared information about the Wild Pacific Albacore via Wildpacific.com that has a processing method and catch program that is more environmentally sound. There are numerous companies that are doing this, but she wanted to make GAB members aware of this option.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATION: Scott Lynch gave a fabulous presentation on www.lveGot1.org, a website on invasive plants and animals in Florida that is available as an app and on computer devices. It involves a data clearing house of volunteers who logon and report invasive sightings in private and neighborhood settings which are then verified and documented by wildlife experts. This site is powered by PLEPPC EDDMapS (Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council Early Detection Distribution Mapping of Invasive Exotic Plant and Animal Species.). The information is available to all interested parties without needing an official account on the website.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 6:00pm in the Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center. We will have a brief meeting to address Water Matters Day before the Tree Inventory reception next month.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made by Lill and seconded by Jan, it was unanimously VOTED by the board to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by _____, Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on _____, 2015

