

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013, 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the EAB was duly called by Chair Renee Grutman and held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 6:04 in the Auditorium of City Hall.

Special guests in attendance were Wendy Doll, Cooper City High School Principal, and Mr. Robert Kirschbaum, Community Service Project Manager of the Cooper City Parks and Recreation.

Members present: Chair Renee Grutman, Vice Chair Melissa Megna, Tevis Jones, Fernando Lopez, Theodore Sander and new members, Candace Coyne and Patricia Propheter.

Members absent: Anne Culotta, Robert Fleischer, Gary Gorman, Elizabeth Janzer, Holly Kaplan and Pamela Sands.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

At 6:04, Chair Renee Grutman called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes for the December 5, 2012 meeting were provided and reviewed by members for accuracy. Vice Chair Melissa Megna motioned to approve minutes. Said motion was seconded by Tevis Jones.

III. GUEST SPEAKER

Guest speaker, Robert Kirschbaum, Community Service Project Manager of the Cooper City Parks and Recreation, attended the meeting today to present and discuss a grant funded by the Community Foundation of Broward County. The purpose of this grant, worth up to \$30,000.00 (thirty thousand dollars), is to re-engage "baby boomers" (identified as those born between the year 1946-1964) back into Cooper City in an effort improve and enhance our community. The deadline to submit proposals for the implementation of the grant is April 1, 2013.

Mr. Kirschbaum identified three possible projects that would fit within the grant guidelines and indicated that they need partners. The first project concerns health and safety issues and proposes a partnership with Baptist Health Services to produce a lecture series geared to "baby boomers" including topics such as dealing with the sandwich generation (adults caring for both their children and their parents), CPR training, and other subjects that would be interesting for the general "baby boomer" population. Baptist has already been approached regarding a potential partnership in this project.

The second project proposes a partnership with Cooper City's Public Works Department, and involves creating an inventory of existing trees in Cooper City that the city is responsible for maintaining.

Finally, Mr. Kirschbaum discussed a third proposal which involves an aggressive updating of the historical development of Cooper City currently featured at the Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center. This proposed project is the one Mr. Kirschbaum felt would most closely match the interest of the EAB in that it is educational in nature and would involve the re-engagement of "baby boomers" into the community, as well as active participation by our students.

One idea that was briefly discussed involved the pairing of Cooper City "baby boomers" with Cooper City students to create historical items to showcase at the recreation center, such as video testimonials from the "baby boomers" about the history of Cooper City.

IV. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Renee Grutman continued the discussion of the Partners in Education Project, after explaining the project to the new members and guests and passing out a brochure from a Parent Resource Fair she helped create at Piper High School in 2009. The discussion turned to whether this project could meet the guidelines and purpose of the grant discussed by Mr. Kirschbaum, and several good ideas were discussed, including having informational and educational workshops presented at the event which would not only be geared toward the "baby boomers" but might be conducted by the "baby boomers".

The following specifics were discussed: the location has been moved to Pioneer Middle School; a date for the event needs to be decided upon; sub-committees should be formed, "baby boomers" need to be identified; and funds need to be raised.

The EAB agreed the best dates would be November 9 or November 16, 2013. Mr. Theodore Sander suggested several good sources of fund raising and will continue to research this issue. Patricia Propheter will research for grants specifically dedicated to community engagement and development. Wendy Doll, principal of Cooper City High School will present the idea to the 5 Cooper City schools next week to ascertain what types of workshops are needed.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next EAB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Tevis Jones motioned to adjourn. Fernando Lopez seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28.

The foregoing Minutes were submitted by _____ and approved
on _____ by Renee Grutman 3/6/2013

Renee Grutman, Chair