

## GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, February 3, 2011

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at

**ATTENDANCE:** The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Gary Hines, Vice Chair, Olga Alvarez, Rick Dronsky, Didier Dupuy, Steven Gara, Gladys DiGirolamo, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary.

Not in attendance: Catherine Erice, Jim Bowman, Rob Cohen, Patti Webster (see roster)

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept all previous minutes with a minor edit of January 20, 2011. (see attached)

**OPENING REMARKS:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** N/A

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A member of the audience introducing himself Oz Rav-on. He represented his company, Pentagon Enterprises, which aims to retrofit all light fixtures to LED in all the cities in Broward County. According to Oz, his company absorbs all the cost to do this. His company will analyze the electric bill for the past year, and with this evaluation the savings is calculated. From this analysis, a contract for 3-5 years is required which splits the savings 80/20 in their favor. In other words, his company will retrofit all the city's lighting for free with a guarantee of 80% of the savings going to his company over a contracted time period. With time constraints in mind, we recommended that Mr. Rav-on make a presentation to the Commission.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Diana presented the prospect of sharing a booth at Water Matters Day on March 12 and asked for volunteers to help man the booth. She also asked the board if they could man a booth at Cooper City Founder's Day on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 3:00pm-6:00pm. We agreed to man these booths and discussed what to present to the community at each of these events. We agreed to put this on next month's agenda to discuss final plans for each of these events. We discussed the possibility of promoting certified National Wildlife Habitat yards in the community as a goal along with the new Green Plan. We might be able to enlist the high school SITE Club members to assist. We also discussed giveaways which included recycling containers and native seeds or seedlings. We understand that Mike Bailey will be at the WMD booth on March 12, and he may be able to assist with the giveaways. Perhaps we could have a plant giveaway as a bonus for applying for the NWH certified yard (which costs \$20 for the application.) Gary suggested that other city employees help with the CC booth on WMD. Jeannette Wofford could possibly help. Diana added that rain barrels and composters will also be sold at WMD along with the annual tree giveaway. Rick suggested that our Board recommend to the Commission that we have a budget for handouts and/or giveaways to use for future GAB community involvement.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We resumed final editing of the Green Plan draft. Gladys asked if we had received any information from the city departments about green practices, and none had been sent. This was going to be put into the plan, but it will have to be omitted if we don't receive this information (which has been repeatedly requested.) Everyone gave input to the final edit and selection of photographs to include. We then discussed plans for presenting the finished plan to Commission with power point and printed hard copy.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The idea of duplex printing was added to the agenda and discussed. It was suggested that we find out if the city has the capability to do double sided printing (as our agenda is always printed on one side only.) Rick also suggested that we attend other city's green committees to see what they are doing. He felt we could learn from attending other city's meetings, and Diana said she has attended

some which are generally much more formal than ours. They are often address more short term goals (3-6 months.) We all agreed our board has evolved and become more effective in its approach to its goals over time.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011.

**AGENDA FOR NEXT MONTH:** Discuss GAB plans for Water Matters Day and Founders Day and plans for Green Plan presentation before the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary

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

Advisory Board on 3-3-11, 2011