

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 7, 2011

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:10pm in the Community Center meeting room.

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Didier Dupuy, Gary Hines, Gladys DiGirolamo, Rick Dronsky, Steven Gara, Jeri Habenicht, Secretary, and Patti Webster who arrived in time for the meeting but who was excused because of an upsetting discovery in Memorial Park.

Not in attendance: Olga Alvarez, Patti Webster, was originally present but was excused, Catherine Erice, Jim Bowman, Rob Cohen

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Gladys made a motion, and Gary seconded it, to approve the March 3, 2011, minutes. The Board unanimously agreed.

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gerry Mayen, Cooper City resident, attended the meeting because he is interested in environmental issues. His family has started a green company to clean and disinfect the curbside garbage cans. He also wanted to see how he can help the committee as he is an event planner for the Seminole Indian Tribe all over the US.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Steve questioned whether the Green Plan power point presentation to the commission was adequate. Diana explained that the presentation will first have to be submitted to Mr. Loucks for approval and THEN a date set for presentation to the commission. We need to complete all edits before submitting this presentation.

Water Matters Day on March 12 was a huge success with about 4,000 people in attendance. A lot of residents took advantage of the water barrels on sale that day. Approximately 3800 plants were given out. Students from Pioneer volunteered with the give away, and students from CCHS manned the city's booth that was shared with GAB. Didier and Gary were present at the GAB booth, also.

Gladys suggested that we have an interim meeting to complete all the final edits to the Green Plan. We will use LCD and computer to project the plan for group perusal and to make group corrections at the same time as each item is discussed. We will plan to meet at 6:00 on Thursday, April 21, in the Community Center meeting room (if it is available.)

NEW BUSINESS: Rick called Mr. Loucks to determine the details of the new waste disposal contract with Wheelabrator which is promising a signing bonus. This bonus would go toward the purchase of new recycling rollout bins. It may be a simple decision of economics to determine the break-even point to purchase the bins (in an effort to speed up this purchase).

We next discussed CC Founders Day (April 30). Diana has a spinning wheel that we can use for the GAB booth. We will request available prizes from the commission and from Mike Bailey who had prizes leftover from Water Matters Day. We need to make our contact with the participants quick, easy and fun with did-you-knows used from the Green Plan.

CC Green Website discussion will be tabled until the Green Plan is completed.

Pioneer Middle School's Environmental Awareness Day is April 21, and three of the speakers are coming from NatureScape and two from the GAB Board! Speaker participation is a bit low this year because the event is one month later and right before Earth Day. The county budget cuts may have also influenced the speaker response this year. Gary generously offered to provide trees/plants in gallon containers for Awareness Day.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled GAB meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 6:00 pm with an interim meeting pending for April 21, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary