

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, July 7, 2011

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:07pm in the Community Center meeting room with the following members in attendance:

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Olga Alvarez, Didier Dupuy, Steven Gara, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Gary Hines, Rick Dronsky, Gladys DiGirolamo, Patti Webster, Catherine Erice, Jim Bowman, Rob Cohen

APPROVE THE MINUTES: With the lack of a quorum present, adoption of the minutes was shelved until next week.

OPENING REMARKS: We took roll call and acknowledged Catherine Erice's resignation from the board. We also corrected Olga's record as she had been excused in March and April. We recognized Patti's, Rick's and Gladys's excused absences for this meeting because they had given prior notice of their absence. Diana encouraged recommending interested parties to apply for the new vacancy on the Board created by Catherine's resignation. We reemphasized the rule that three unexcused absences would constitute dismissal from the Board.

Diana gave an update on the status of the Green Plan presentation to the commission. Everything currently hinges on the progress of the commission's completion of the city budget at this time. Once that is completed, Mr. Loucks will call a meeting with the commissioners to go over the draft of the Green Plan which Diana had edited and filtered prior to submission.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (not applicable)

DISCUSSION ITEMS: We discussed the wonderful Appreciation Dinner that was held in June for the various city board members (three GAB members were in attendance). Comment was made about the numerous boards and volunteers who manned them, and note was made of the delicious cuisine that was served. It was suggested, however that GAB would like to encourage a green effort in the future with tap water served in place of bottled water and paper cups in lieu of Styrofoam containers. We also mentioned that the mayor had shared her observations at the recent high school graduation ceremony in which all of the honored graduates mentioned how special living in Cooper City had been to them as they grew up.

OLD BUSINESS: The members who were present gathered around Jeri's computer and collectively edited the impressive power point presentation that Steve had created. This power point on the city's drafted Green Plan will be presented to the commission at their earliest convenience.

NEW BUSINESS: Diana shared that Broward County is initiating a rebate program on low flow toilets, restricted shower heads and a few other products. The initiative is in the organization process with each municipality selecting the products it wants to promote.

Diana said that she would like to initiate the process of submitting the Community National Wildlife Federation Habitat Application to the commission. Mr. Loucks had indicated to her that Jeannette Wolford would be the city contact person. Diana would like to include the status of this project as a monthly update in future minutes. Diana would like to have the application process completed by the Tree and Landscape Workshop in September. The Board has previously discussed and agreed on

submitting this application, so the members who were present agreed that Diana should begin the process.

Diana then sent around information about tomorrow's Flyaway Cities Coalition at Anne Kolb Nature Center and encouraged all to attend.

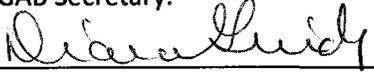
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The next GAB meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by , Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 8 - 4, 2011