

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, November 3, 2011

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:08pm in the Cooper City Community Center meeting room.

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Didier Dupuy, Patti Webster, Gary Hines, Gladys DiGirolamo , Rick Dronsky, Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Steve Gara and Olga Alvarez are both excused, and Jim Bowman was absent.

Jill Cohen was in attendance as an observer and consultant.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: After Didier's recommendation and Gary's second, the minutes from October were unanimously approved.

OPENING REMARKS: Since Rick and Patti both had limited time to spend at this meeting, we addressed their concerns first.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: The next Climate Change Task Force Meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, December 1, 2011, in the downtown Government Center- East building, Room 430, from 1:30-4:30pm. Diana praised the speakers and encouraged all of us to attend as the Climate Change Task Force will be presenting. There will be no time for public comment, so this will be a listen-only event. Diana said it is an excellent agenda that ties in with many of the GAB concerns. Also, the Annual Regional Climate Leadership Summit will be December 8-9, 2011, in Monroe County, Government Center, Key Largo.

We spent the balance of the meeting scanning the draft of the Green Plan and suggesting comments for Diana to make during her presentation on November 9.

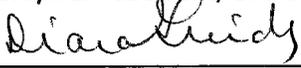
NEW BUSINESS: Patti said she was going to try to find funding sources for each of the sections of the newly minted Green Plan. We talked about suggestions for Diana's power point presentation that would help to keep the proposed projects cost neutral. We have one hour to present on November 9, so we have to be concise and succinct in our efforts. Diana will mention potential grants, funding sources and creative solutions to the proposed action steps as she discusses each one.

Patti opened discussion on a program involving Neighbors Helping Neighbors to assist people who are on hard times or who are too infirm to keep up their property. This would assist people in maintaining housing code requirements at minimal cost (free paint is available, for instance, and students can earn community service hours in this assist.) Diana suggested addressing this at the next meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The Green Sustainability Plan presentation is November 8, 2011, from 5:00-6:00 pm at City Hall. Olga will be there, but John Crouse cannot come. Everyone should wear green. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary

The foregoing Minutes were approved by , Chair of the Green Advisory Board on 12-1-, 2011