

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 5, 2012

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:04 pm in the Community Center conference room.

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Gary Hines, Gladys DiGirolamo , and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Olga Alvarez (excused), Didier Dupuy(excused), Patti Webster(excused), Steven Gara(excused), Rick Dronsky(excused), and Jim Bowman, CC Public Works liaison.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: In light of the fact that a quorum was not present, we postponed approval of the minutes.

OPENING REMARKS: Since Diana had not received any timely edits from board members on the attendance roster, we are going to submit 2011 attendance roster as it currently reads.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (not applicable)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Diana shared that she had spoken with Patti and that Patti will be able to draft a Cooper City Sustainability Plan Resolution for the next meeting. Gary gave an update on the SE Florida 4-County Regional Climate Change Compact meeting. He said it was well attended – around 250 people, the speakers were excellent – from all over the country – and he said it was worthwhile to attend. The next compact will be held in West Palm Beach. Gary announced the Broward County Water Conservation Task Force was being held 1-6-12 (tomorrow.)

NEW BUSINESS: The members in attendance discussed that Rob Cohen's name should be removed from the roster as he is now in college and there are no prospects in mind at the high school to replace him.

Water Matters Day is March 10, 2012. Diana asked that we all save the date as CC usually shares a booth. All board members should plan to attend. Diana is looking for about 30 student volunteers to help in the Tree Give-Away area. Jeri will ask her students to volunteer.

Gary explained that EPR is looking into retrofitting all the plumbing devices to install low flow toilets at Pioneer Middle School. Gladys suggested that we do a comparison of water usage before and after the new plumbing is installed to get an idea of the water that is actually saved. Diana explained that there is a county rebate program currently in place which includes toilet rebate programs.

Diana explained that Pioneer is also the recipient of the Water Conservation Project funded through Cooper City via EPR Group. Each month a different speaker is presenting a different topic to a select group of students with related homework assignments. If Honey Rand has any money left, we could ask her to provide materials to GAB for the Water Matters Day booth. Perhaps we could have a rain barrel give-away for Cooper City residents who meet certain criteria – perhaps for those who have a certified NWF backyard, for instance. We could also use any extra funds to help promote a city-wide Green Day.

Diana explained that NatureScape received an application for the Emerald Award. She sent an application to the community development board at Monterra for its landscaping on Pine Island Road

between Stirling and Sheridan. Diana spoke to the Business Advisory Board and encouraged members to advertise that the county is considering applications from businesses to receive this award.

The UF-IFAS Open House for the Extension Service will be held Saturday, January 20, 2012. Pioneer Middle School is having a Science Showcase/Environmental Outreach on Saturday, May 12, 2012. Diana said that she could talk to Jeannette Wolford about the possibilities of including a tree give-away for May 12. NWF Habitat Steward training will be held January 9-12 by NatureScape, and Diana explained that there were 43 people on the waiting list!

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: Patti will prepare the resolution, Diana will speak with Jeannette for tree give-away possibilities and with Mike Bailey about the WMD booth. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

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

Advisory Board on 8-1-12, 2012