

## GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, February 2, 2012

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order AT 6:05pm in the Cooper City Community Center meeting room.

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

Not in attendance: Olga Alvarez (excused), Rick Dronsky (excused), Gladys DiGirolamo (excused)

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** With a quorum present, Gary made a motion which Steven seconded to approve the minutes from the December, 2011, meeting. The secretary will resubmit the minutes from January as there was a quorum present at the January, 2012, meeting.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Steven asked about the status of our priority list for the Green Sustainability Plan. The night of the presentation a recommendation was made to approve the plan. Diana said that we could ask Patti at this meeting to draft a resolution of recommendations (as she was absent at the December 1, 2011, meeting when we decided on this.) This resolution would recommend acceptance of the Sustainability Plan. After this is accepted, then we will request the city to prepare a quarterly report for GAB's perusal to monitor the success of the plan's implementation.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Olga had submitted several suggestions for grant funding to underwrite the cost of Green Plan initiatives. We will stockpile these opportunities for future reference as most of them have short turn-around times to submit applications. Many of these are annual grants, though, and we could recommend them to the city after the plan is approved.

We considered the wording for the resolution for the acceptance of the Sustainability Plan. The board had already approved that we adopt a resolution. Patti was not at the meeting when we voted her to head this, so we discussed this in detail with her. Diana suggested that we look at the language in the Miramar Plan or research other available documents for suggestions. Patti agreed to put this resolution together for the commission to approve the plan either in part or in full. Steven suggested that the plan could be phased into implementation based on the funding that is available. Diana asked about the procedural process to submit the resolution once we have it prepared. Gary suggested that we approach a commissioner(s) to place it on the agenda to ensure the most favorable outcome.

Mike Bailey has asked the Environmental PR Group to work the Cooper City booth along with GAB. Jeri and Gladys volunteered to 'man' the booth in the morning, but we don't have coverage in the pm. Perhaps Olga and Rick will be available. Diana will have maps, parking passes, student participation forms and

Environmental Awareness Day on May 12 at Pioneer Middle School will be an opportunity for a tree give-away which was approved by the city manager who supports the idea and looks forward to it. Pioneer should invite a school board member, the mayor and city commissioners to this community event.

Gary also shared that there has been approval to retrofit 50 toilets at Pioneer to reduce the water use per flush from 1.6 to 1.28 gallons with a cost of approximately \$32,000 to install. Gary also

**NEW BUSINESS:** Deborah Athas, newly certified NWF Habitat Steward, was in attendance as she is a resident of Cooper City. She was curious about the duties of board membership after Diana had previously told her about the availability of this position. We gave her a hearty welcome and briefly explained the duties of GAB. Deborah, who formerly worked for DEA, is considering applying for appointment to the board. We explained how to apply for this position which has to be approved by the commission.

Diana discussed the Spring 2012 Cooper City Environmental Series with Bruce Laucks, Jeannette Wolford and Mike Bailey. Commissioner Green had expressed an interest in offering this in our city, too. It was approved to host hour-long presentations for four consecutive Wednesday nights in a row beginning April 11, 2012 at the CC Pool & Tennis Center. Topics would include Know the Flow, Design a NatureScape for Wildlife, Greening Your Landscape, and Greening Your Home. Information about this series could be placed on the city's marquee, website, on flyers, and be posted on public school websites with RSVP required. We also discussed participating in the Founders' Day parade to promote the series. Gary proposed and Steven seconded this series which GAB unanimously approved. One part of the series could include a tour of a Water Treatment Plant and/or a recycling center with a disclaimer that these field trips are optional (to address disability concerns). Pioneer's May 12 Showcase could be the culminating event of this series. Diana asked about the coordinating dates of CC Founders Day and Electronics Dropoff which could also be included as part of the series.

Patti requested that we make the implementation of a Nature Preserve in the wetland area at the corner of Hiatus and Pine Island a high priority. She would like to make this area available for the public appreciation. Diana has investigated this possibility with Monterra, but the possibility does not look promising for the near future. Gary said that the area has to be maintained by the people in charge, and we were curious if this mitigated area is being properly maintained. We were curious who would be in charge of maintaining this area as the five year development agreement soon expires. Gary suggested we learn who owns the land before we proceed further as this will make a difference in how to proceed. Diana will check to see if there is any other action GAB can do about this at the next meeting, and we might be able to have those in charge speak at a future GAB meeting.

On February 15, 2012, the Cooper City Pool & Tennis Center, will hold a 90 minute fact finding survey to discuss the best way to market green information to residents. The Broward County Energy Efficiency & Conservation Marketing Program is the official title of this effort. GAB has been invited to participate along with a total of 20 participants.

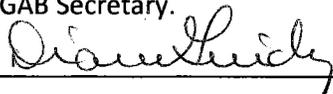
**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** 1. Continue grant funding discussion. 2. Continue discussion to preserve mitigated land at Hiatus and Pine Island Roads. 3. Discuss further plans for the city's website.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by , Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 3-1, 2012