

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST, 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 Sets of Minutes require signatures:

February 2nd, 2012
January 5th, 2012
December 1st, 2011

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Grant funds for Sustainability Plan initiatives
2. Resolution for sustainability Plan
3. Water Matters Day – March 10th (9AM – 3PM)
4. Cooper City Environmental Series (April 11, 18,25, May 2)
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
5. Pioneer Middle School Environmental Day/Science Fair
May 12th 9AM – Noon
6. Web Page

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Broward County Emerald Award Winners:
 - NatureScape special Achievement: Cooper City
“You Win-We All Win” Water Conservation
Program
 - Green Innovative Small Business: Project
Coordinating Services – **Olga Alvarez, Owner**

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, April 5th, 2012, 6:00PM – Community Center

VI. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact **Carol Adams, 954-434-4300 ext. 260**, not later than two days prior to such proceeding. One or more members of the Cooper City Commission and/or Advisory Boards may be in attendance and may participate at the meeting. Agenda items may be viewed at the City of Cooper City, **City Hall, 9090 SW 50 Place, Cooper City, Florida, 33328**. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of any agenda item should contact **Carol Adams at 954-434-4300 ext. 260**.

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, March 1, 2012

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:06pm In the Community Center Conference Room.

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

Not in attendance: Patti Webster (excused), Rick Dronsky, Jim Bowman, CC liaison.

Also in attendance: Debra Athas who has expressed an interest in volunteering as a new board member of GAB. She has submitted her application to become a board member to the commission.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: With a quorum in attendance, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from December, 2011, January and February, 2012 (with 4 slight corrections to the February minutes - see attachment, please.)

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: GAB discussed a way to compile, organize and file possible grant funding opportunities to be used in the future for Sustainability Plan initiatives. Gary suggested that city staff research grant opportunities as our efforts may be moot if we don't know what is needed. Diana explained that sustainability stewards throughout Broward County are sharing information and opportunities with a possible data base available in the future to all environmentally sensitive groups. Gladys added that this had been the concept of the Broward 2030 Plan all along. We also recommended that Mike Bailey explore the city's funding opportunities for Sustainability initiatives. For instance, Mike Bailey has committed \$1000 for the Pioneer Middle School tree give-away on May 12, 2012, for Super Science Saturday. Gary suggested requesting a copy of the city's tree ordinance which creates the Tree Trust Fund so that perhaps that money, if in excess, could be used for the plan's initiatives. It was also suggested that since the county recently adopted a new landscaping ordinance, that GAB could recommend for the city adopt to this code.

Diana announced that Patti, who is overwhelmed at work, won't be able after all to devise a resolution to submit to commission for approval of the Sustainability Plan. A motion was made and seconded for Diana to create a draft resolution to submit to the commission for approval. Diana recommended that GAB members attend commission meetings so we can be a constant reminder for them to approve the plan.

Water Matter's Day is March 10. Mike Bailey will be manning the city's booth at Water Matters Day (which is the same booth that GAB will be sharing.) Diana suggested that GAB members take turns representing the board and promote the new Environmental Series for Cooper City which begins in April. There will be free admission to WMD for those who choose to bring electronic items for the recycling effort also being held that day at Tree Tops. The Emerald Award trophy presentations will be made at 10:00am, and we are pleased to announce that GAB member Olga Alvarez won the Green Innovative Small Business category award. Also, the NatureScape special Achievement Award went to

Cooper City for its "You Win-We All Win" Water Conservation Program. Water Matters Day will feature the annual tree give-away along with the newly devised hourly raffles. Cooper City is a sponsor of the event, so Diana displayed a proclamation in its honor for this sponsorship which she will deliver to commission. Gladys and Olga will be volunteering in the morning at the GAB booth.

Pioneer Middle School Super Science Saturday will be May 12, and GAB has volunteered to have an activity to promote wildflower awareness along with other GAB information.

Diana explained that the new Environmental Lecture Series will offer ancillary field trips like a walk through the Water Treatment Plant. These side trips are designed especially for the participants of the series. The series is currently being advertised on the city's marquee and the Cooper City website.

Founders' Day is April 28 with the parade at 10:00am, and Diana got an entry form for GAB to participate in this parade. It was discussed whether to travel by car or to just walk the mile long route. Diana suggested that we display the banner for the Emerald Award as we walk and then drive an alternative fuel car, perhaps. When we go by the stage, there will be an announcement about us, so we decided what our message would be, "Make Some Place Special, Some Place Green." It was generally agreed by everyone present that we would probably walk, not drive, in the parade, but plans can change.

The city's Appreciation Dinner is March 6, and everyone present is planning to RSVP his/her intention to attend if they have not already done so.

Steve asked that we email him with ideas on how to organize the city's GAB webpage. Diana thinks that the GAB power point for the Sustainability Plan is already on the city's webpage. We suggested featuring on special, environmentally related activity per month. Steve will look into creating the 'bones' of this website in the near future.

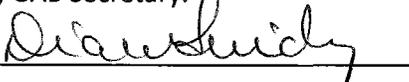
NEW BUSINESS: (See the above mentioned Emerald Award winners in WMD comments.)

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: Obtain a copy of the City's tree ordinance for GAB perusal.

ADJOURNMENT: With Gary's motion and Gladys's second, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by , Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 4-5, 2012