

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, May 3, 2012

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

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

Not in attendance: Olga Alvarez, Didier Dupuy, Steven Gara, Rick Dronsky

Also in attendance: Debra Athas, new GAB member-in-waiting

APPROVE THE MINUTES: With Gary's motion and Gladys' second to it, we unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the April GAB meeting.

OPENING REMARKS: School Board member Patty Good is going to attend the Super Science Saturday Free Plant Give-Away on May 12 at Pioneer Middle School! County Commissioner Wexler, the entire Broward County School Board, and Cooper City Mayor and Commissioners have also been invited. Jeri thanked Olga (in absentia) and all the GAB members for their donation to a pizza party for the magnificent and lively group of Pioneer students who marched with the Green Advisory Board and carried student made environmental signs in the Founder's Day Parade on 4-28-12. We all got drenched by the rain during the parade, but we had a ball. Steve, Diana, Patty, Didier and Jeri manned the GAB booth in the afternoon at Brian Piccolo Park from 3-6pm.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Debra Athas is on the agenda for approval as a new GAB Board member.

The newly created, wonderful Environmental Series has been completed for this 2012 (except for the May 12 plant give-away at Pioneer Middle School), and we discussed doing this series again with different topics next year. Diana suggested that a different venue (location) might be helpful, also, as some of the potential participants could not find the Rock Creek Tennis & Racquet Ball Club!

NEW BUSINESS: Patty presented her skillfully written proclamation draft for the commission to approve the Sustainability Plan. After Gladys' motion and Gary's second, the Board unanimously voted to approve the draft, with these changes: Gladys recommended a change in line 15 on page 4 to read 'agree to adopt' instead of 'accept', and on line 17 of page 4 to reflect 'agree to implement' instead of 'commit to consider.' Patty will proceed to edit the wording and will prepare the final document for submission by June 30. (Gary made a motion to have this document on the June agenda, and Gladys seconded it, with Board approval.) The Board discussed whether we still need to hand pick the priority action steps to be considered first by the commission. We decided that it was not the Board's job to do this, but Patty will return with a list of items she wants to recommend at the next meeting because she feels strongly about this.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm as several members had to leave early this evening.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

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

Advisory Board on 7-2-12, 2012