

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, September 6, 2012

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order in the Community Center Meeting Room at 6:10pm with a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chair, Gladys DiGirolamo, Didier Dupuy, Patti Webster, Debra Athas, and Gary Hines, Vice Chair

Not in attendance: Jeri Habenicht, Secretary (Excused absence)

In attendance from the audience:

Bruce Loucks, City Manager
Cooper City resident Janice Malkolf
Tony Spadaccia, Director of Government Affairs, Waste Management
Dawn McCormick, Community Relations Manager, Waste Management

OPENING REMARKS: The Chair welcomed guests and thanked them for attending the meeting.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Patti Webster made a motion to approve the June minutes, Gary Hines seconded. Patti made a motion to approve the August minutes and Debra seconded. The Board unanimously approved the corrected minutes of June 7th and the minutes of August 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Janice Malkolf introduced herself as a new resident to Cooper City and expressed interest in joining the Green Advisory Board. Janice recently retired from the Broward County School Board after 36 years of teaching. She is the President of the Broward Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association, a Habitat Steward, NatureScape Volunteer and volunteers each year at Water Matters Day. She invited the Board to attend the next NABA meeting which features guest speakers, plant sales, raffles, and more. Janice is impressed with the City of Cooper City's Green initiatives and looks forward to living in Cooper City.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Tony Spadaccia, Director of Government Affairs, Waste Management, and Dawn McCormick, Community Relations Manager, Waste Management provided an overview of the Waste Management Scholarship Fund being offered to the City of Cooper City this year. An example of the application used last year by the City of Margate was distributed to Members. Ms. McCormick was very pleased with the overall execution of their application process and offered suggestions for us to consider regarding timelines, distribution, judging and other criteria for successful implementation.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION: Board Members carefully reviewed the criteria and details of the City of Margate's Scholarship Fund Application and decided to adopt a similar format for Cooper City. Each Member contributed comments and suggestions on the application requirements and selection process. Board Member Debra Athas presented a matrix for the Board to consider using to score the applications. Bruce Loucks made helpful suggestions for the submittal process, awards ceremony and publicizing the scholarship. Board Members decided to offer the scholarship in January 2013 with a submission deadline of March, and awards ceremony in April before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS: Diana Guidry shared that NatureScape Broward is organizing a native wildflower project scheduled for September 29 in recognition of National Public Lands Day. The

swale areas along the C-11 Canal just east of Flamingo Road will be planted by volunteers and students from Cooper City and the Town of Davie.

Patty distributed a draft of a spreadsheet she devised to submit to commission for tracking items in the Sustainability Plan. As time was up, the Board recommended it be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

Diana asked Board Members interested in participating in the Cooper City Community Wildlife Habitat Team to complete the National Wildlife Federation Volunteer Application. GAB meetings will include updates on the progress of this City initiative.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm with Gary's motion and Gladys' second.

Minutes submitted by Diana Guidry, Chair.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by , Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 10-4, 2012.