

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 4, 2012

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

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Gladys DiGirolamo, Didier Dupuy, Patti Webster, Debra Athias, Janice Malkoff, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Gary Hines

Also in attendance: Rick Dronsky, former GAB Board Member

APPROVE THE MINUTES: The minutes of September 6 were motioned, seconded and unanimously approved by the board.

OPENING REMARKS: The board discussed which GAB members will need to request reappointment after the upcoming election (pending election results in November.) Diana officially welcomed Janice Malkoff as a new GAB member who recently received commission approval to the board. She is a retired teacher, naturalist, NABA president in Broward County, Habitat Steward and will be a wonderful addition to the Board.

GUEST SPEAKER: Diana gave the floor to Rick Dronsky who was interested in learning how he could assist the green efforts at Embassy Creek Elementary School where his son was recently enrolled. Rick had joined a group of parents who represented the green initiative for the school. Janice, a former school teacher, and Jeri, who is currently teaching, offered advice along with several green suggestions to help Rick in this effort.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Linda Goode, Parks and Recreation Director, then addressed the board about an approved matching \$5000 grant (Re-engage for the Good) she had recently received. The impetus of this grant is to re-engage baby boomers in the community by supporting initiatives which include four separate areas. A minimal stipend would be offered for a vivacious (retired) representative to implement (network) the goals of the grant throughout the community. The board will contact Linda with possible recommendations for the position after Linda emails the job criterion. Linda hopes to find the right candidate as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Diana spoke with the BRACE advisor and with Carol Adams (as the potential point person) regarding the Cooper City Academic Scholarship Program being offered in tandem with Waste Management. The board discussed (and unanimously agreed) to change the title of this award to Cooper City Environmental Scholarship. The board carefully screened Diana's impressive draft of an application, offered helpful suggestions to improve it, and will tie up any remaining loose ends at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Patti Webster spoke to the Board regarding the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge which is modeled on a four-county Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact on global climate change. The purpose of this pledge is to gather endorsement by various cities within the four affected counties. Gladys asked if the commission has already read this document (which they have not.) Patti suggested that with GAB endorsement, the commission would be more inclined to support it. Patti suggested that we recommend the mayor's signature on this document and suggest that the mayor and commissioners attend the regional summit on December 6 & 7, 2012, in Palm Beach County. After Gladys' motion and Debbie's second, GAB unanimously approved and urged the mayor to review this document and be the first mayor in Broward County to sign it.

Patti then distributed copies of the "Someplace Green" Sustainability Plan Implementation Guidance to the board. Diana explained that this will serve as a tracking device provided by GAB for the city to utilize in reviewing and updating its status of the action plans in the city's recently adopted GAB Green Sustainability Plan. Patti used the information that Jim Bowman had provided which indicated the present level of green implementation being accomplished within the city. This is a working, dynamic document which might be improved with a check off column to indicate current status (instead of planning horizon column) for each action step. This guidance plan will have top priority at next month's meeting.

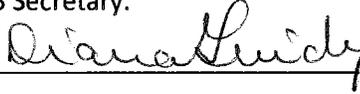
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The Sustainability Plan Implementation Guidance along with final draft of the Cooper City Environmental Scholarship application will be on the agenda for next month.

ADJOURNMENT: With Jeri's motion and Didier's second, GAB unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

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  Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 2-7-13, 2012