

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, November 1, 2012

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:10pm in the Cooper City Community Center Game Room.

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

Not in attendance: N/A

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Diana read the October 4, 2012, minutes to the committee which were motioned for approval by Debra with minor revision and seconded by Janice with unanimous GAB approval. The revised minutes will be submitted to Carol Adams along with this month's minutes.

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Diana announced that she had made the GAB recommended edits to the scholarship, submitted the final document to commission which sent it to Waste Management for approval. The scholarship is being publicized and promoted in January, 2013. Once approved it will be loaded onto the city's website and no longer be available for edit (for this year.) Janice reminded the committee that this scholarship should be made available to Cooper City students who attend SBBC magnet high schools. Diana asked for distribution channels to publicize this way.

Diana then asked GAB to review the Sustainability Plan Implementation Guidance Spreadsheet which Patti had prepared for our perusal. She felt that once this spread sheet were edited for minor errors, the gist of the recommendations would be approved. The intent is to determine the current and future status of the Action Steps in the city's recently approved 'Someplace Green' Sustainability Plan. The committee suggested tweaking the order of headings, levels of progress for the status column, changing the title to indicate the purpose of the document to be used as an annual review along with other pragmatic changes. **Gary made a motion for the commission to require the filing of this document as a mandatory part of the City Manager's annual report to the commission.** Jeri seconded the motion, and GAB unanimously agreed. Patti will email the guidance document to Carol Adams who will forward it to all GAB members for revision to expedite the final editing at the December's meeting.

Gary suggested that GAB meet with the city's appointed Green Team at an upcoming (next) meeting so that we can ascertain the current status of the action steps. There needs to be some communication with representatives at future GAB meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: Diana told GAB about the upcoming Earthman Concert being held at Pioneer Middle School on Wednesday, November 7, via a grant from South Florida Audubon Society. NatureScape had been approached by Audubon to select a few schools to honor with this grant, and Pioneer was one of the lucky recipients.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: GAB discussed skipping the regularly scheduled January 3, 2013, meeting because various members may not be available to attend that week. We will revisit this suggestion next month.

NEXT MEETING: GAB would like to request that the city's Green representative attend the monthly meetings to touch base with GAB. GAB will continue its review of the guide for the Sustainability Plan.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made by Patti and seconded by Debra, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Debra Guidy, Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 2-7-13, 2012