

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, June 5, 2014

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

ATTENDANCE: **ATTENDANCE:** The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Ian Dasho, Jan Lowenthal, Gary Hines, Patricia Martineau, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary.

Not in attendance: Janice Malkoff, Michelle McKay, Gladys DiGirolamo, and Debra Athas all excused.

Also in attendance: Bob Kirschbaum. Tree Inventory Chairperson

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Approval of the minutes from the April 3, 2014, meeting was motioned by Jan and seconded by Gary with unanimous Board approval (pending minor corrections). Jan then made a motion, which Gary seconded with unanimous Board agreement, to approve the May 1, 2014, minutes as they stood.

PRESENTATION: Patricia gave a power point presentation of her report entitled Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, Reductions Actions and Management Plan for City Hall. This report was required classwork in Patricia's pursuit of Certification in Sustainability. Bruce Loucks approved and assisted Patricia with the collection of City Hall data to determine Cooper City's Green House Gas (GHG) footprint. (A report of this nature had been recommended by GAB in a previous meeting.) By plugging City Hall's real time data into established guidelines provided by World Resources Institute and by using recommended procedures from her classwork, Patricia arrived at a projection of the city's GHG emissions. (Carbon sequestration by flora on the premises was not factored into the equation.) With this information in play, Patricia recommended possible goals/guidelines as a Reduction Plan to help improve City Hall's GHG footprint.

With this presentation in mind, Diana suggested that GAB stand ready to assist the city's upcoming Carbon Emissions Inventory.

OPENING REMARKS: Diana welcomed Bob to give an update on the city's Tree Inventory. The program thrived in April, but May's participation tapered off as several volunteers were out of town and as weather conditions intervened. Bob distributed calendars for June and July upon which GAB members indicated availability to volunteer throughout these summer months.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Future GAB meetings will commence at Rock Creek Pool and Tennis center for economic reasons. However, GAB will not be meeting for the next two months.

Gladys advised GAB that she may need to withdraw membership on GAB due to family responsibilities. She will let the Board know by the end of summer. Ian also explained that he may not be able to attend the September and October meetings due to other pressing commitments. Patricia as well has family

considerations and may be moving from Cooper City, so her membership is tenuous at this time. We will see what happens when GAB reconvenes in the fall.

Diana suggested a tour of Cooper City's new high school, and she will approach Carol Adams to make arrangements for this.

Jan suggested a tribute to Patti Webster for her years of environmental service to Cooper City. We can address this at the next GAB meeting in September.

Diana suggested that we think about GAB's possible participation in the city's upcoming Landscape Workshop in September. We could promote the city's Wildlife Habitat effort and create another demonstration garden of some sort, perhaps. We will discuss this further at the next meeting after Diana speaks with Jeanette Wofford. Ian volunteered to research and possibly present Composting in South Florida as part of the GAB demo at this workshop.

COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 4, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm after a motion made by Jan, seconded by Patricia and unanimously approved by the Board.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

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

Advisory Board on 9-4, 2014