

## GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 2, 2015

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Rock Creek Pool and Tennis Center.

**ATTENDANCE:** The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry, Chairperson, Janice Malkoff, Jan Lowenthal, Ian Dasho, Michelle McKay, Lill Maniscalco and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Scott Lynch, excused, Gary Hines and Debra Athas

Also in attendance: Bob Kirschbaum, Paul Kragh

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** Janice made a motion to pass the minutes from March 5, 2015, minutes with the correction of Lill's last name (submitted with corrections to Carol Adams.) Jan seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Bob reported on the Tree Inventory (though there are no new stats currently available.) The number of volunteers has somewhat dwindled. Bob further announced that he recently had attained NWF certification for his yard. Jan asked if there were any statistics on newly certified yards, but they are not available from NWF for several more weeks.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Michelle McKay, GAB member, gave a presentation on Live Well, Simple Changes, Big Impact 2015. She has been interested in this topic for several years and has created a power point awareness presentation based on her research. Centered on going 'green' within the home, her presentation begins with a slide show entitled "A Wake Up Story" from Healthy Child, Healthy World and continues with a powerful message on chemicals used in the home.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Diana elaborated a bit more on the wonderful success of Water Matters Day which accommodated 3800 residents again this year. Scott was not available for an update on the outreach posters that GAB is creating. Janice suggested having another poster made between now and September to promote the Tree and Plant Workshop.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Diana asked members to consider whether to meet over the summer (July and August months) for discussion at the next meeting. Also, Diana mentioned that there is money available to refurbish 100 established NWF certified butterfly gardens, but application must be made online (via Broward Centennial Grant). Diana will send the link via Carol to board members who wish to apply for funds available via this grant. Broward schools are among the potential recipients who can apply for the grant. Jan suggested having the Cooper City Summer Campers plant a butterfly garden at the Recreation Facility this summer.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 7, 2015, when the Board will review applications for the Waste Management Environmental Scholarship. We will preview the rubric at the beginning of the meeting before screening the applicants.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion duly made and seconded by Janice and Jan respectively, it was unanimously VOTED by the board to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary,

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

Advisory Board on May 31, 2015