

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 3, 2014

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:01 pm in the Conference Room of the Cooper City Community Center.

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Janice Malkoff, Ian Dasho, Debra Athas, Jan Lowenthal, Michelle McKay, Gary Hines, Patricia Martrineau, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Diana Guidry and Gladys DiGirolamo (both excused)

Also in attendance: Robert Kirschbaum

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2014, meeting was motioned by Janice and seconded by Ian with unanimous Board consent.

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Debra wanted to know what had happened to some of the Anne Kolb Tree Path signs on Griffin Road, and she was directed to contact Jeannette Wofford who should know about this.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Kirschbaum gave an update on the status of the city's Tree Inventory. He said that the Wednesday afternoon inventories had been well attended, but attendance at the weekend inventory had been intermittent. As a result, the regularly scheduled Saturday inventories were cancelled for the future. Mr. Kirschbaum said that he is very flexible in setting the dates and wants to be as accommodating to the volunteers as possible. The inventory includes on-the-job training for anyone interested in doing this and for anyone who has a working knowledge of tree identification. Some of the GAB members felt that they could use additional training on identifying trees. Mr. Kirschbaum said that the opportunity to volunteer for the inventory will be advertised on the city's marquee and could also be included in HOA newsletters, perhaps. (Mr. Kirschbaum said that he is open to speaking at HOA meetings when invited to do so.) Jan suggested that the people who have been trained to do the inventory could be put on an email list and sent regular reminders of the inventory schedule. Michelle told Mr. Kirschbaum that there is a list of interested volunteers who signed up at the GAB booth on Water Matters Day, and that this list should be with Carol Adams. Mr. Kirschbaum indicated that there are an estimated 10,000 trees for which the city is responsible, but he does not have current statistics on the number that have already been inventoried. Gary suggested cautioning the community to avoid planting invasive species whenever the opportunity arises.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board considered the judging criteria for the Waste Management Scholarship Application & Judging. Ian reinforced the importance of making this criteria as objective as possible. Jan recommended reformatting page 4 with larger boxes for applicant's comments. Jeri suggested that in addition to expanding the space for student comments, to also add a box for applicants to emphasize their involvement in environmental causes. Gary suggested changing the title to reflect this as well. The Board unanimously voted to change the title to 'The Cooper City Environmental Scholarship Program' after Jeri's suggestion to do this and Debra's second to it.

Janice made a motion to accept the proposed alterations for the scholarship application, Jan seconded and the Board unanimously consented. In addition, Jeri suggested amending the application to reflect the point value of the judging criteria, Debra seconded it, and the Board unanimously consented. Debra kindly volunteered to type the amended application and to submit it to Carol Adams as soon as possible.

The Board then discussed the rubric that is used to judge the applicants with special consideration on making this matrix as objective as possible. After several positive suggestions to reinforce objectivity and to highlight applicants' environmental interests, the Board voted to submit these changes for consideration after Jan's recommendation and Janice's second. Debra offered to retype this form and submit it to Carol as soon as possible, as well.

The tour of the Water Treatment Plant on April 29 will include at least 3 members who were present at the meeting and who showed an interest in attending. The Board members resent who had attended the Recycling tour were very impressed with that facility. All Board members appreciated the opportunity to tour these facilities.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 1, 2014. Janice indicated that she will be out of town for this meeting and asked to be excused.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm after a motion made by Gladys, seconded by Gary and unanimously approved by the Board.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by W. A. Shively, Chair of the Green
Advisory Board on 6-5, 2014