

## GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, August 6, 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: Gary Hines, Vice Chairperson, Janice Malkoff, Jan Lowenthal, Scott Lynch, Michelle McKay, Lill Maniscalco and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Diana Guidry, excused; Ian Dasho, excused

Also in attendance: Paul Kragh; Jeff Keating

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** Janice made a motion that the minutes from the May meeting be approved, Jan seconded it, and the board unanimously approved.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Gary called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with 7 out of 9 members present. Paul reported that Mayor Ross joined the Tree Inventory volunteers on August 5 and explained that all the residential areas have now been completed. The focus now is working on the park areas. Paul felt that this effort would be completed within a few months. Gary inquired about a formal presentation being made to GAB and/or to the commission at the end of this inventory. Paul also reported the status of the Burrowing Owl (Project Perch) Projects in local areas and parks.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Jeff Keating informed the board about literature he received regarding the impending oil drilling in the Everglades. Gary offered suggestions where Jeff could further promote this effort.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** The board resumed discussion of the Annual Tree & Plant Workshop scheduled for 9/19/15 at City Hall. Janice made a motion, Scott seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved GAB participation. The intent is to exhibit the newly created display board to the community at this event. Scott shared the website for interested members to submit photos after suggestions were made as to what should be included in the display. Gary suggested that Scott be the point person to work with Jeanette on this and to show their prototype to the board at next month's meeting. We discussed using the remaining GAB appropriations to reimburse Scott for his expenses.

Scott also reported on the status of the city's NWF certification effort. We are still encouraging this effort among community members and are getting closer. Gary suggested sending mailers (at the city's expense) to encourage participation to become certified. Perhaps a message could be attached to the back of the utility bill. Comments could also be placed in HOA newsletters. In addition, local schools could encourage participation via PTSA. The board further recommended that the mayor and commission all certify their yards and that everyone brainstorm ways to promote certification for the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Gary mentioned the status of the county-wide P3Eco Challenge for the past 3 years and said it was in good shape for next year. Several members on the board are integrally involved, and Gary suggested that perhaps the entire board could get involved in this effort.

Jan suggested that signs be posted to prevent landscaping hazards at newly created rain gardens (established with NWF grant money) after several members shared how plants have been mowed and mauled.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Gary announced that the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Climate Change Task Force will be held in Key West on December 1-3, 2015 and encouraged GAB members to attend.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3, 2015. GAB will finalize plans for the Tree & Plant Workshop. We will also discuss ways to encourage community NWF certification. GAB participation in P3Eco Challenge will be discussed among other topics mentioned above.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion duly made and seconded by Janice and Lill, respectively, it was unanimously VOTED by the board to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

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

Advisory Board on 9-3, 2015