

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, December 4, 2014

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:01 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, Ian Dasho, Debra Athas, Michelle McKay, Scott Lynch and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Jan Lowenthal and Gary Hines are excused

Also in attendance: Robert Kirschbaum and Lill Maniscalco, pending future GAB member

APPROVE THE MINUTES: The minutes from November could not be approved because an incomplete set of minutes was distributed at this meeting. Jeri will hopefully relocate the proper set of minutes and send them to Carol who will redistribute them for approval at the January, 2015, meeting.

OPENING REMARKS: Since the Dogs in the Parks and Flamingo Park Workshop is beginning at 6:30pm this evening, Diana suggested that GAB quickly conduct business and adjourn early so interested members could attend the workshop. On December 16, Lill Maniscalco will be presented to the Commission for appointment to GAB as Gladys DiGirolamo has officially resigned. GAB members will all sincerely miss Gladys for her tremendous input and presence on the Green Advisory Board since its inception!

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Ian's presentation on aquaculture will be postponed until January 8 because of this evening's workshop. Since Diana will have the proper technologic equipment to project Ian's presentation next month, Ian agreed to this. Jan was curious if this presentation could be publicized in some way so that interested community members could attend?

Scott suggested ideas for a trifold display board in public places to promote efforts of the Green Advisory Board. Scott could make a template that could be used by all members to update the displays for public dissemination. The template could be used to create a finished hardcopy for display. Diana said there are GAB funds available to do this. The committee was enthusiastic about using this educational measure to inform the community. The information could also be promoted at larger city events via Bob Kirschbaum who offered to share the display table he has reserved at these events.

Bob gave an update on the Tree Inventory program which has been switched mainly to Wednesday mornings instead of Thursday evenings due to Daylight Savings Time changes. Bob hopes to inventory some of the streets around Pioneer Middle and Cooper City High Schools over the holidays while traffic at both locations is at a minimum.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeanette Wofford invited GAB to tour the Palm Avenue Park on 12-5-14. Diana suggested installing a Purple Martin house at this location. Diana has already applied and received National Wildlife Certification for the park. Paperwork to this effect should arrive within the month, and this will assist efforts to certify the Cooper City community. Lill announced that her yard has been recently certified.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: Jan made a motion, Debra seconded, and board unanimously approved moving the January 1, 2015, GAB meeting to January 8, 2015. Diana has already reserved the room and notice will be sent to all GAB members.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm after a motion made by Jan, seconded by Ian and unanimously approved by the Board.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

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

Advisory Board on 1-8-15, 2014