

**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, February 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:08 p.m. in the conference room of the Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center.

**ATTENDANCE:** The following Green Advisory Board members were present: Diana Guidry—Chairperson, Debra Athas, Michelle McKay, Scott Lynch, and Lill Maniscalco.

Excused, not in attendance: Gary Hines, Jan Lowenthal, Janice Malkoff, Jerilyn Habenicht, and Ian Dasho

Also in attendance: Robert Kirschbaum, Cooper City Tree Inventory Chairperson, and NWF Habitat Steward Paul Kragh

**MEETING MINUTES:** No quorum was present. Approval of the January meeting minutes was tabled for the next meeting. Debbie Athas will record this meeting's minutes in Jerilyn Habenicht's absence.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Everyone reviewed the January 2015 minutes and received a copy of the Waste Management Scholarship packet. Diana welcomed audience guests.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Bob Kirschbaum updated everyone that the tree inventory has crossed the 40 percent mark and is ongoing. He expressed gratitude for volunteers. He's anticipating city promotion of the efforts to assist recruiting of more volunteers. If volunteers would like alternate inventory days, please contact him.

**SAVE THE DATES:** It will be nesting season soon for burrowing owls. Griffin Elementary School and NatureScape Broward—thanks to a Captain Planet grant from South Florida Audubon's Project Perch—is set to refurbish five owl burrows on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. at Forest Lake Park, 5700 SW 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A tent, water, and coolers will be available and volunteers should bring a shovel. It is an outreach day adding to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) certified wildlife habitat goals.

The NatureScape Broward workshop at Long Key is a free event on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will offer topics such as landscape design, rain barrels and rain gardens.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Matters Day will be on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tree Tops Park. Water Matters Day volunteers have a coordination meeting on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, or alternately on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> with an appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The GAB will have a booth at Water Matters Day as usual and volunteers are needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Scott updated progress on the proposed GAB information board and demonstrated a tri-fold board ideally suited; one is on order with a free-standing easel. Scott and Lill will continue to look for quality printing sources and lamination estimates for the 24" x 36" posters. Scott also showed us the PowerPoint slides that will form the backdrop for the boards, and it was agreed the center poster should headline with the GAB name and mission. Members brainstormed about format and topics potential. Debbie offered to help with PowerPoint updates as the effort develops. A city map for conservation call-outs was suggested using color-coded conservation event and accomplishment markers. This could also serve as an interactive display to engage residents at events such as Water Matters Day in March.

The Waste Management Scholarship application and scoring matrix were provided. Discussion was held about planning ahead to define clear awarding of points to applicants. Members are to review last year's matrix and be prepared at the next meeting to fully discuss details. The scholarship announcement was sent to numerous area schools on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The application deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hazardous waste disposal services will be offered on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Sports Complex at Stirling Road and Palm Avenue.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Diana reported five NWF certified wildlife habitat signs were received and Jeanette Wofford will install them at certified areas. All five public schools and the Palm Avenue charter school have been certified. For the overall city goal of certification, we still need 50 homes.

Mayor Greg Ross had asked Diana if GAB members had reviewed the recycling clothing website from the January meeting's presentation. Members were encouraged to do so and form viewpoints for discussion.

**COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:** Debra is monitoring the martin house installed on the lake at the Palm Avenue passive park and it seems unoccupied so far this season. Michelle's presentation on the personal and environmental impact of chemicals was rolled to April since the March meeting is expected to have a heavy agenda. Lill discussed recycling issues and is interested in a plant tour. Discussion was held about future re-use water mandates to area cities, new piping required, associated costs, and alternative compliance measures.

**CONCLUSION:** The next GAB meeting will be Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pool and Tennis Center. The motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Athas, GAB member substituting for Jerilyn Habenicht.

The foregoing minutes were approved by *Diana Liddy*, Chair of the Green Advisory Board on 4-2-15, 2015.