

## **GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, February 6, 2014**

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:07 pm in the Conference Room of the Cooper City Community Center.

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

Not in attendance, but excused: Gary Hines, Gladys DiGirolamo, Patricia Martineau, Debra Athas, and Janice Malkoff

Also in attendance: Bob Kirschbaum, and Linda Good, CC Director of Recreation

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** Since a quorum was not in attendance, approval of the November, 2013, minutes was postponed until next month.

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Bob Kirschbaum had two topics to discuss. Both concerned the update on the city's Tree Inventory Program and the technology that is being planned for use in this effort. He passed out an inventory sheet which listed the most commonly found trees in Cooper City which had been prepared by the city arborist. This data sheet would be used to collect the data, and it would then be manually entered, later, into the computer. Volunteers would have to be trained (educated) to identify the various species on the inventory list. It is hoped that two or three volunteers would work together to inventory any particular area in the zone being designated for this purpose. The Rock Creek Pool & Tennis Center will be the probable headquarters for picking up and returning materials. Tentative meeting dates of February 13 and 18 are pending but February 22 at 9:00am at Pool & Tennis Center was confirmed as a training date. Diana offered to create laminated crib sheets and a power point of all the listed trees on the inventory to assist in training volunteers. All GAB members will be contacted tomorrow to confirm the tentative dates listed above.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mike Bailey registered Cooper City for a booth at Water Matters Day, and he has great give-aways. Discussion pursued regarding the type of game or activity that will be used to engage the community. Robert Kirschbaum will have handouts about the Tree Inventory Program to distribute. We also want to promote the plants on the give-away list that would be conducive for fulfilling the NWF Certified Yard requirements. Diana said we currently have close to 100 certified yards in Cooper City, but we need 150 yards to meet the requirement as a Certified Community.

GAB does not yet have the go-ahead for the Student Scholarship Program for 2014. If the scholarship program is approved, Ian suggested that we set guidelines for the selection process ahead of time. These guidelines would help to ascertain the candidates who are earnestly pursuing environmental careers (in contrast to those who can spin a good tale to tell us what we want to hear.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reuter's Recycling Center has invited GAB members to tour the facility. Tentative times are pending for either 10am or 2:30pm. At least 6 people must attend. Dates will be determined. A Flamingo Park tour is also being arranged for GAB members.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm after a motion made by Jan, seconded by Ian and unanimously approved by the those in attendance.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by *Diane Huddy*, Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on *3-6-14*, 2014

*with 2 edits*