

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 8, 2015

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:06 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, Jan Lowenthal, Michelle McKay, Gary Hines, Scott Lynch, Lill Maniscalco, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: none

Also in attendance: Bob Kirschbaum, Jeanette Wofford, Harold Parke, Cindy Parchment

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Approval of the minutes from the November 6, 2014, meeting was motioned by Janice and seconded by Jan with unanimous Board approval. Subsequently, the December 4, 2014, minutes were unanimously approved after Janice's motion, Lill's second and unanimous Board approval.

OPENING REMARKS: Diana welcomed our newest GAB member, Lill Maniscalco, who has been attending the GAB meetings for the past several months. Lill explained that she has lived in CC since 1987, works for a group of Cardiologist, has always been interested in nature and environmental causes, and now wants to be a part of the city's environmental initiatives.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Harold Parke spoke to promote his for-profit clothing recycling business which addresses the 80% clothing waste (which gets tossed out rather than recycled.) His program offers a monthly curbside pickup for used clothing. He would like to begin a clothing recycle program in CC. FloridaClothingRecycling.com is his business' website. Anything that is cloth can be recycled. If the clothing is not suitable (approximately 50%,) it is shredded or stripped into wiping cloths. After a series of questions and answers, Diana encouraged members to consider this service.

Bob gave a quick update on the slow progress of the city's Tree Inventory program which has been negatively impacted by Daylight Savings Time.

GUEST SPEAKER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Scott Lynch then presented a power point presentation on public outreach using a trifold display (as discussed at last month's meeting.) Scott, previously an outreach coordinator in Palm Beach, was familiar with this outreach concept. The goal now is to make a dynamic, rotating display of GAB events, concerns, accomplishments and the like. He researched the cost analysis of printing a document (approximately 2'x3') suitable for this display. Jeanette said that the city has a printing company that might be more cost effective. With expenses a consideration, the board discussed the possibility of having one poster with changeable parts to control costs. To correlate with this outreach idea, Janice suggested having GAB business cards available for interested parties who desire further information. The displayed would be framed and possibly mounted on an easel. Jeri suggested mounting a framed poster in a designated spot on the wall or front desk of city owned buildings. Diana suggested having multiple boards with different focus features. She also suggested that all published materials concerning GAB be approved beforehand by Jeanette Wofford. Next month we will consider concrete material to include on the first poster.

Ian Dasho then gave his very interesting and informative Aquaponics (as opposed to aquaculture or hydroponics) power point presentation which had been planned for last month.

NEW BUSINESS: Diana explained that GAB has been invited to host a table at the upcoming Senior Expo slated for this coming Saturday (1/10/15) at the Community Center. NWF Community Wildlife Certification forms can be on display. Members who are able to attend and help man this display were asked to arrive by 8:30am to help with set up.

Updates: Diana then mentioned some dates/activities that were publicized on the Cooper City News website (to which she encouraged all board members to subscribe.) Kelly Heffernan received the Captain Planet Grant to use with the burrowing owls in the area. February 21 is an upcoming target date dealing with this effort. A tour by GAB of the newly established Palm Avenue Park was amazing. Gab has purchased a Purple Martin House to be installed at this location (thanks to Debra's diligent efforts). Jeri invited members to help judge the upcoming Pioneer Science Fair projects on 1/12/15. There has not been any word on the Water Management Scholarship Program for this year.

Janice said that the demonstration garden at the Rock Creek Pool and Center has been expanded, maintained and is doing well!

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Many thanks to our illustrious presenters today!

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 5, 2015, and will concentrate on GAB's outreach poster initiated by Scott at tonight's meeting. Ian suggested that Michelle give a future presentation on what she knows about consumer impact on the environment. She agreed to do this in March.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED by the board to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm after a motion made by Ian, seconded by Michell and unanimously approved by the board..

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Diana Guidy, Chair of the Green Advisory Board on March 5, 2015