

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, March 5, 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, Debra Athas, Jan Lowenthal, Scott Lynch, and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary

Not in attendance: Ian Dasho, Michelle McKay, Gary Hines, Lill Maniscalco, all excused

Also in attendance: Bob Kirschbaum, Paul Kragh

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Approval of the minutes from the January 8, and February 5, 2015, GAB meetings was motioned by Janice both times, seconded by Jan and Scott, respectively, and both unanimously approved by those in attendance after minor corrections were noted for the February minutes.

OPENING REMARKS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Diana welcomed to the meeting those people in the audience, Bob and Paul, who will both be assisting at the GAB booth at Water Matters Day. Bob gave a brief update on the city's Tree Inventory Program which has now reached the 50% completion mark!

GUEST SPEAKER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: Diana announced that Mike Bailey will be delivering give away items, a banner and spinning activity wheel to Diana for the WMD booth shared by the city and GAB on March 14. Diana passed out orientation meeting schedules, and WMD promotion posters. Since National Wildlife Week is next week, Patrick Fitzgerald, of NWF, will be represented at the Emerald Awards and WMD Essay Contest winner presentations at WMD. He will be promoting pollinators at WMD, and he will also meet elsewhere with local environmental organizations/clubs for further promotion opportunities. The goal is to establish 100 new or refurbished pollinator gardens in the area!

Diana suggested that everyone wear GAB shirts and then arranged shifts for members to man the GAB booth at WMD.

Scott then reported on the status of the outreach poster/display board and explained the complications involved in creating an outreach while adhering to the city's legal and ethical guidelines. He explained his progress while abiding by required regulations and asked for GAB input. Using an online calendar to promote community events via Google or Yahoo account was suggested and discussed. This account would be available to all GAB members with a shared sign-in. Information could be posted by GAB members whenever there is an event to promote. The community could have access to this account for viewing purposes, only, upon request. Scott mentioned this to the city's legal counsel, and there was no objection as long as GAB members abide by the rules of the state's Sunshine Law. GAB member uploads on this calendar would assist with the GAB posters/display board. Discussion regarding legal technical difficulties ensued. Scott could present a more thorough demonstration of this potential technology tool at next month's meeting. After further consideration and edit, Janice amended Jeri's motion, which Debra seconded, to approve, print and laminate the current GAB poster prototype for outreach purposes. Scott suggested a deadline of March 9 for submitting photos to Carol Adams for the first poster.

NEW BUSINESS: The Project Perch Burrowing Owl Project on 2/22/15 at Forest Lake Park went exceeding well, and a story/blog about this will be posted on the NWF website!

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015, will concentrate on GAB's outreach poster initiated by Scott at tonight's meeting. Michelle will also present to the board regarding consumer impact on the environment.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded by Janice and Jan respectively, it was unanimously VOTED by the board to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Oranah Lidy, Chair of the Green

Advisory Board on 4-2-15, 2015