

## GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 2, 2014

A meeting of the Green Advisory Board was called to order at 6:09 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 (new member), and Jeri Habenicht, Secretary.

Not in attendance: Gladys DiGirolamo

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

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes from the September 4, 2014, meeting was motioned by Janice and seconded by Jan with unanimous Board approval.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Diana welcomed the newest member of GAB, Scott Lynch, who is replacing Patricia Martineau (who had to resign from the board as she moved out of the city.)

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Diana addressed Commissioner Curran's comments at the last GAB meeting in which he expressed concern about the landscaping at the new CCHS building. The president of SITE Club and Mrs. Juanita Farmer (who is the acting sponsor) met with Diana the next week regarding enhancement of the CCHS butterfly garden. There is now a Wildlife Club which might be the contact liaison regarding the refurbishment of the butterfly garden. The SITE Club mentioned the possibility of growing clippings under a grow light for later planting in the garden. Commissioner Curran is interested in this as well as with the relocation of newly planted oak trees on the campus. Gary will work with all involved for a satisfactory resolution. Gary announced that the deputy superintendent may reinstate the School Beautification Project within the district. This would help the cause at CCHS. Jan and Janice offered to assist with the school's butterfly garden. Diana said that the Florida Wildflower Foundation occasionally has grant opportunities for up to \$300 of wildflower seeds, and this could be a project for SITE or Wildlife Club at CCHS. GAB could even apply for the grant with this endeavor in mind.

Bob Kirschbaum then gave an update on the city's Tree Inventory Program which is now about 17% completed. Volunteers have most recently been working in Rock Creek which is almost completed. Normally the volunteers have been meeting on Wednesday morning and Thursday evening, but Bob is very flexible in scheduling the meetings to accommodate the volunteers' preferences.

Janice asked about the status of the Waste Management Scholarship for the coming school year. Diana said that that we probably won't know until January when the budget process is over.

Commissioner Curran asked for biography information on Patty Webster who was contacted and will send the information be requested.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Diana asked all members to peruse and update the GAB Membership list of addresses and phone numbers.

Jan, Janice, Diana and Jeanette Wofford visited with the principal at Renaissance Charter School. They were told about a teacher there who has planted a garden. GAB wanted to encourage the school to get certified as a NWF School Yard, and the principal agreed to do this right away since Renaissance already met the necessary criteria to be certified. Advice was offered for planting vegetables and butterfly plants. Janice announced that there is artificial turf at this school, and the school seems to love it although it is hotter than regular turf.

In this same vein, Diana wants to approach Franklin Academy with the offer of advice with its gardens/landscaping and to encourage NWF certification.

Diana received a letter from Kelly Heffernan, coordinator for Project Perch, who has been working with Jackie Sanchez, Environmental contact teacher at Griffin Elementary School, and with Jeanette Wofford. They applied for a \$2000 Captain Planet grant to enhance the burrowing owl habitats on campus at Griffin Elementary School and at other parks.

Diana encouraged GAB members to attend the TBA City Commission meeting at which Diana will address the commission with an update on GAB activities.

Diana asked Ian to give a presentation to GAB to explain the hydroponic/aqua culture system he is currently installing with recycled materials in his backyard. He agreed to explain what he learned with a power point presentation tentatively scheduled for the December meeting.

Diana announced that the January Habitat Steward training still has openings and invited GAB members to quickly register if anyone is interested in attending.

Gary gave a quick update on Southeast Regional Climate Summate in Miami which he had attended for the past few days.

Janice announced that there is a 'Friends of Long Key Nature Center' forming and wanted to let everyone who might be interested know about it.

Scott Lynch, new member, was then asked to introduce himself to the Board. Diana gave him a few pointers and rules of procedure regarding GAB membership. The rest of GAB members then introduced themselves to Scott.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion duly made by Janice and seconded by Gary, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm with Board consent.

Minutes submitted by Jerilyn L. Habenicht, GAB Secretary.

The foregoing Minutes were approved by *Diana Lynch* Chair of the Green Advisory Board on 12-4-14, 2014