

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES October 3, 2019

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present at 6:07 pm when the meeting commenced at the City of Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center meeting room: Paul Kragh, Chairperson; Diana Guidry, Vice Chairperson; Bob Kirschbaum, treasurer; Geraldine DeBianchi, Jackie Fisher, Jerilyn Habenicht, ~~Janice Malkoff~~, and Lill Maniscalco.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Hardeep Anand, Janet Arculeo, Janice Malkoff, and Jada Pallagi, President of Cooper City High School Environmental Club and GAB student liaison.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Meltzer, Commissioner District 2; Jeannette Wofford, City Liaison to GAB; Linda Kragh, GAB Recording Secretary, Emeritus to the Board; Alexandra Sansone, Cooper City High School Environment Club student.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Meltzer thanked the GAB members for their participation in the 27th Cooper City Tree and Plant Care Workshop and thanked Janice Malkoff for selecting the Yard of the Month for District 2.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Diana Guidry made a motion to approve the May 2, 2019 minutes as written. Jerilyn Habenicht seconded, and the committee unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kirschbaum reported that the 2018 – 2019 budget was spent and only 37 cents was left in the budget. The GAB purchased Cooper City Tree and Plant Care Workshop door prizes for about \$170, bought wildflower seeds for giveaways at various events for \$345 , purchased a metal butterfly sign and installation materials for the Butterfly Garden for about \$450 and purchased 5 artificial owl burrows for Ted Ferone Park and the Cooper City Sports Complex for about \$280. Jeannette Wofford reported that the GAB budget for FY 2019 – 2020 will remain the same as last year's budget of \$1250.00.

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS: There was a brief discussion about the Walmart Wildflower seeds at the beginning of the workshop. Jeannette will try to get a box from Walmart to give to the teachers in Cooper City, but it seems that the Walmart staff gave all the seeds to another Broward County teacher. Paul Kragh brought up a discussion that Cooper City has been a NWF Community Wildlife Habitat since 2017 and the NWF website which has Cooper City listed on it needs some pictures and updated information. The link to the website is: <https://www.nwf.org/CommunityWildlifeHabitat/Communities/Community/147> . Paul would like the GAB members to bring some ideas or photographs to put on the website to the next meeting. Some members suggested that we put the new butterfly sign on the website. Paul Kragh said that he will be meeting with a teacher and the principal at Cooper City Elementary to discuss starting a recycling program. The GAB members gave Paul some ideas to cover in the meeting. Cooper City Elementary school would like speakers for their Eco Club. Paul Kragh, Diana Guidry and Jerilyn Habenicht said that they are available for talks to the children. Paul Kragh reminded GAB members to save the date for Cooper City Founder's Day which is March 14, 2020. Again, it is on the same date as Broward County's Water Matters Day at Tree Tops Park. There was a discussion of installing the Wood

Duck houses the GAB purchased in a previous fiscal year at the new Flamingo West Park in the natural areas. Paul reminded members that the date for Light Up Cooper City is December 6, 2019. There was a discussion of craft ideas for the booth. Members were asked to bring in some ideas. GAB will vote on the funds needed for the craft at the next meeting. Diana Guidry made a motion to buy 100 Native Milkweed Seed packets to support the Cooper City's NWF Mayors' Monarch Pledge as giveaways at various Cooper City events. Jackie Fisher seconded the motion for not more than \$250 to be spent on the milkweed packets. The GAB members unanimously agreed to this expenditure. GAB members discussed when they were available for a Waste Management tour. Jeannette Wofford is going to try to schedule a tour for the members.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeannette Wofford and Paul Kragh gave a review of the 27th Cooper City Tree and Plant Care Workshop; over 80 residents attended the workshop. The Butterfly sign came out beautifully and the star board was cut in the shape of a butterfly. GAB members are going to put down the mulch in the Butterfly Garden on Monday, October 7, 2019. Paul Kragh gave a brief update on the Bamboo Pots. GAB voted last meeting to allow \$100 from the FY 2019- 2020 budget to buy the pots from the Cooper City Utilities department. The seeds in the pots will need to be replaced since they are expired. GAB voted on buying Milkweed seeds to put in the pots as giveaways to replace the expired seeds.

MEMBER COMMENTS & CONCERNS: Paul Kragh gave a Project Perch update and said that the artificial burrows are now in Ted Ferone Park. Alexandra Sansone, Cooper City High School Environment Club student gave an update on some of the activities that the high school students are planning.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded by Jerilyn Habenicht and Bob Kirschbaum respectively, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Minutes submitted by Linda Kragh, Recording Secretary, Emeritus to the Board. The foregoing Minutes were approved by vote and signed by *Paul Kragh* Paul Kragh, Chairperson of the Green Advisory Board, on *November 7*, 2019. *as amended*