

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES March 5, 2020

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present at 6:00 pm when the meeting commenced at the City of Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center meeting room: Paul Kragh, Chairperson, Diana Guidry, Vice Chairperson, Janet Arculeo, Jackie Fisher, Bob Kirschbaum, Lill Maniscalco, Jacque Sanchez and student liaison Jada Pallagi

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Barry Brodsky, Geraldine DeBianchi, Jerilyn Habenicht

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Meltzer, Cooper City Commissioner; Jeanette Wofford, Cooper City Advisory Board Liaison to the Commission; Linda Kragh, GAB Recording Secretary, Emeritus to the Board

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Lill Maniscalco made a motion to approve the February 6, 2020 minutes as written. Jackie Fisher seconded, and the members of the Green Advisory Board unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kirschbaum reported the Green Advisory budget is at \$944.92 after the expenditures for Cooper City's Founder's Day.

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Kragh introduced the new Green Advisory Board member Jacque Sanchez. A few of the Board members already knew her since she is a teacher at Griffin Elementary. The other board members that did not know her introduced themselves to her. Next on the agenda was the Cooper city and Waste Management Academic Scholarship program. There was a discussion of the Scholarship selection dates. The board said that April 14 and April 15 are available dates for the selection if Waste Management staff can attend. Jeanette Wofford will check on this. The next GAB meeting will be changed to the date Waste Management can attend due to the selection of the scholarships. There was a review of the scholarship program. Two students will be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship and 4 students will be awarded \$1,250 scholarships. Next on the agenda was a review of the volunteer shifts for Water Matters Day on April 14. After that, the GAB members discussed how to give out the Bamboo straws at Cooper City's Founder's Day and the volunteer shifts. Next, Diana Guidry made a motion to take a summer break for June, July and August. Janet Arculeo seconded the motion. The Green Advisory Board unanimously agreed to take a summer break after the May meeting. The Waste Management decision to stop paper recycling was discussed. Waste Management did a reversal on this policy decision. Board members discussed the spending of the budget. The Board decided to save \$200 for the Cooper City Tree and Plant care workshop. The rest of the budget will be used for signage at the Flamingo West park natural wetland area. Finally, Paul Kragh passed out the Sustainability Plan and asked the board members to read over the plan for the May meeting and discuss what the board's focus should be for the coming months.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeanette mentioned that she will need help with NWF on-line re-certification program. Paul and Diana said they will plan on a date in the future to have this done by the July deadline. Diana Guidry wrote down a quick announcement for the Commissioners to read when they award the Yard of the Month to the Green Advisory Board members' selections.

MEMBER COMMENTS & CONCERNS: Jada Pallagi gave a brief synopsis of the activities of Cooper City High School's Environmental Club. They had a clothing swap which had 12 tables in the cafeteria full of clothing. It was very successful. The leftover women's clothes went to the women's shelter and the men's clothing went to the Salvation Army. The Environmental Club is planning an activity for Earth Day. They also have their garden planted between some portables at the school. Paul Kragh gave a brief talk on his recent activities with Project Perch.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM depending on the approval of this date with the Waste Management staff due to scholarship selections.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded by Diana and Jackie, respectively, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. Minutes submitted by Linda Kragh, GAB 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 July 16, 2020..