

## **GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES January 3, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:** The following Green Advisory Board members were present at 6:06 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, Alyson Galen, Jeri Habenicht, Janice Malkoff, and Lill Maniscalco,

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Bob Kirschbaum, treasurer, Makani Kone, student liaison

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Howard Meltzer, City Commissioner District 2, Max Pulcini, City Commissioner District 1, Tina Hudson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Commissioners, Linda Kragh, GAB secretary,

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** Janice Malkoff made a motion to approve the December 6, 2018 minutes as written. Lill Maniscalco seconded, and the committee unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Since Bob Kirschbaum was excused from the meeting, Paul Kragh presented the report that Bob sent to him. Tina Hudson discussed how vendors are paid. Diana Guidry has a few receipts to turn in for purchases of craft materials used at the GAB table at "Light Up Cooper City".

**OPENING REMARKS:** Commissioner Howard Meltzer and Commissioner Max Pulcini gave a brief introduction. The Commissioners would like new initiatives and concerns emailed to them. Commissioner Howard Meltzer also tasked the Green Board Members with the selection of the Yard of the Month for his monthly selection. Diana Guidry mentioned that the board members should give a few choices since they do not know if the house selected would have code violations. There was a discussion of what criteria should be used to select the home. Commissioner Howard Meltzer asked if board members would be interested in having educational programs for the community such as a Garden Club or Bird Watching Club. Alyson Galen, the new board member was introduced. Every Board member introduced themselves to Commissioner Max Pulcini and Alyson Galen. Commissioner Max Pulcini reappointed Janet Arculeo to the Green Advisory Board.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Paul Kragh and GAB members welcomed the new board member Alyson Galen. The discussion of the Cooper City Sustainability Plan and board focus for 2019 was postponed until the board vacancy is filled. Commissioner Max Pulcini has someone in mind to fill the vacancy. There was a discussion of when the volunteer board members should be at the Cooper City Senior Expo on January 12, 2019 to help at the table. Board members were reminded to wear their shirts. The two new board members will need to order GAB polos. Paul Kragh reminded the Board Members to save the date for Water Matters day, March 9, 2019 and Cooper City's Founder's Day, March 9, 2019. The board members brought this date to the Commissioners' attention, since these events have fallen on the same date for the last 3 years. Many Cooper City residents would like to get free plants, but they are occupied with events for Cooper City's Founder's Day.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jackie Fisher gave a brief synopsis of Light Up Cooper City. The GAB table was very busy, and the children enjoyed the craft. Many residents said they would get their lawn certified. The board members discussed the National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat page. They are going to contact Jeanette Wofford, City Arborist, to see what pictures she would like on the website.

**MEMBER COMMENTS & CONCERNS:** Jeri Habenicht spoke about the “Food Rescue” program at Pioneer Middle School. Paul talked about the projects he is doing for South Florida Audubon Project Perch. There was a discussion of updating the Cooper City GAB website since the picture on the website is 7 years old and we now have new board members. The GAB members are going to contact the City employee who updates the website after the new GAB member is appointed.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion duly made and seconded by Jackie Fisher and Janice Malkoff respectively, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Minutes submitted by Linda Kragh, GAB Secretary. The foregoing Minutes were approved by vote and signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Kragh, Chairperson of the Green Advisory Board, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.