

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES March 7, 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, Jerilyn Habenicht, Bob Kirschbaum, treasurer, Janice Malkoff, Lill Maniscalco and Makani Kone, student liaison.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Alyson Galen, resigned from board

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Meltzer, City Commissioner District 2, Tina Hudson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Commissioners, Linda Kragh, GAB secretary, Karen Wade, Cooper City resident

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Karen Wade, a resident of Darlington Place, again discussed having the businesses in Cooper City spruce up their landscaping. Paul Kragh contacted Jeanette Wofford, City Arborist, about using Code Enforcement to require needed landscaping improvements on business property in Cooper City. Jeanette Wofford said the first step would be to contact all business property managers via written communication to improve their landscaping to the original landscaping plan. Currently many of the original business landscaping plans are registered with Broward County.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Janice Malkoff made a motion to approve the February 7, 2019 minutes as written. Diana Guidry seconded, and the committee unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kirschbaum, treasurer, informed the Green Board that \$905.00 was left in the budget. The GAB board members did not spend the \$20 allocated at the last meeting for the Cooper City Founders day booth since we received a lot of free giveaways from Jerilyn Habenicht. The GAB members discussed the need for various signage at the butterfly garden and the new Flamingo Park. Members of the board are going to schedule with Jeanette Wofford a tour of the new park to decide what educational nature signage can be added to the new park.

OPENING REMARKS: Commissioner Howard Meltzer thanked the board members for their volunteer contributions to the city. He mentioned that there will be a Commission tree ordinance workshop sometime in the future. He also mentioned a link on the Cooper City website "See Click Fix" when residents have an issue that Cooper City employees can fix. Tina Hudson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Commissioners discussed Cooper City Founder's Day. The GAB members discussed board members would be available to set up the booth and spoke to Makani about how many Cooper City High School Environment Club students could help with the environmental questions and prizes.

GUEST SPEAKER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS: The new GAB board member will not be appointed until the Commission meeting on March 19, 2019. His name is Hardeep Anand. Alyson Galen resigned from the GAB. There was a review of the Cooper City Academic Scholarship program by Paul Kragh and Diana Guidry. The selection meeting will be held on April 18, 2019 at 6 p.m. The GAB members are planning to have a new picture taken of the board members at the April 18, 2019 to update the picture on the Cooper City website. The new members will be appointed by this time frame. Paul Kragh reviewed the Cooper City Resolution that

initiated the Green Advisory Board. The GAB discussed the summer meeting schedule. There will be a summer hiatus for the GAB. They will not be meeting in June, July or August.

OLD BUSINESS: The GAB is waiting to hear from the Cooper City Recreation department if there is an interest in a Gardening Club. Janet Arculeo spoke about the selection of the yard of the month for Commissioner Pulcini, District 1. Paul Kragh discussed changes in the requirements for City of Cooper City to remain a Community Wildlife Habitat.

MEMBER COMMENTS & CONCERNS: GAB members discussed that the residents of Cooper City need to be reminded that Broward County is still on mandatory water restrictions. 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. Makani Kone spoke briefly about Cooper City Environmental Club work on beach clean up in Hollywood. Diana Guidry went to a Broward County Extension office workshop on the 62 invasive lizards in Florida.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded by Janice Malkoff and Bob Kirschbaum respectively, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 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.