

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES February 6, 2020

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present at 6:04 pm when the meeting commenced at the City of Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center meeting room: Paul Kragh, Chairperson, Janet Arculeo, Barry Brodsky, Geraldine DeBianchi, Jackie Fisher, Jerilyn Habenicht, Bob Kirschbaum, Treasurer and Lil Maniscalco

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Diana Guidry, Vice Chairperson; Jada Pallagi, President of Cooper City High School Environmental Club and GAB student liaison.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Meltzer, Cooper City Commissioner; Jeannette Wofford, City Liaison to GAB; Sydney Bleiweiss, Budget Analyst, Cooper City; Linda Kragh, GAB Recording Secretary, Emeritus to the Board

PUBLIC INPUT:

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Lil Maniscalco made a motion to approve the December 5, 2019 minutes as written. Bob Kirschbaum seconded, and the members of the Green Advisory Board unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as written. Jerilyn Habenicht made a motion to approve the January 9, 2020 minutes. Bob Kirschbaum seconded, and the members of the Green Advisory Board unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kirschbaum reported the Green Advisory budget is at \$1,043.60.

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER: Sydney Bleiweiss presented information on Census 2020. It is important to complete the Census. The Census increases the number of Representatives in Congress, redraws districts, gives demographic data for the county and cities, gives the public and government financial aid and provides money for roads. These are only a few of the reasons the census is important to complete. The public will be getting their census on March 12, 2020. They can respond 3 ways: online, by phone or by mail.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS: The Green Advisory Board welcomed their new member Barry Brodsky and all the members introduced themselves to the new board member. Paul Kragh discussed the new DRW magazine's article by Commissioner Pulcini that introduced the new city manager James Napoli and gave recognition to other city employees. Next, the Board discussed Water Matters Day March 14, 2020. The High School Students from Cooper City Environmental Club will handle the Cooper City Booth. Lil and Bob will monitor the students from 8:30 to 12 and Jackie and Linda will staff the booth from 12 to 3 pm. The Cooper City Water Department will be ordering giveaways for this event. The Board members working the Cooper City Founder's Day event are Jeri from 3-7 and Paul, Linda and Lil from 3:30 until sunset. The Cooper City Environment club are also volunteering at the event. There was a discussion of what to give away as prizes at the event. There was a discussion if the Board can allow companies to give away prizes with their logo on the items. Jeannette will look it to this legal matter. Jerilyn Habenicht made a motion to spend up to \$150 for bamboo straws and children's tattoos for prizes for completing the nature scavenger hunt at the Green Advisory Booth during Founder's Day. Geraldine DeBianchi seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all the board members. Next the board discussed the Waste Management Academic Scholarship. They decided to keep the requirements

for the scholarships the same as last year. The board tabled the discussion of what type of nature signs Flamingo West Park needs on the nature walk since many of the Board members have yet to visit the park. Paul and Jeanette discussed upcoming events that are happening in the city. The board tabled discussion of the city's current Sustainability Plan due to the late hour.

OLD BUSINESS: Janet Arculeo reported on the Cooper City Senior Expo. It was a success and all the 100 pots and milkweed seeds were distributed before the event was over. There was a brief discussion of the Yard of the Month.

MEMBER COMMENTS & CONCERNS: Paul gave a brief talk on Project Perch and what a wonderful job Rock Creek is doing as owl guardians for the owls under the powerlines.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded by Geraldine and Jackie, respectively, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 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, Chairperson of the Green Advisory Board, on _____, 2020..