

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES September 5, 2019

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; Diana Guidry, Vice Chairperson; Bob Kirschbaum, treasurer; Janet Arculeo, Geraldine DeBianchi, Jerilyn Habenicht, Janice Malkoff, Lill Maniscalco and Jada Pallagi, President of Cooper City High School Environmental Club and GAB student liaison.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Hardeep Anand. Jackie Fisher

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Meltzer, Commissioner District 2; Jeannette Wofford, City Liaison to GAB; Linda Kragh, GAB Recording Secretary Emeritus to the Board;

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Meltzer welcomed back the board members from their summer hiatus and thank the board for their excellent attendance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Janice Malkoff made a motion to approve the May 2, 2019 minutes as written. Lill Maniscalco seconded, and the committee unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kirshbaum reported that \$905.00 was still in the budget. Jeannette Wofford says she received the invoice for the Butterfly Garden sign. Paul Kragh will pick up the Starboard for the backing of the sign. It will cost \$110. Jeannette will be picking up the materials to install the sign. The giveaways for the Cooper City Plant and Tree Workshop were purchased a little under what the board approved. The trakes, loppers and hand pruners cost about \$170. The remaining balance of GAB's budget will pay for the installation of artificial burrows for burrowing owls in the Cooper City Sports Complex and Ted Ferone Park.

OPENING REMARKS:

GUEST SPEAKER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

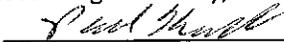
NEW BUSINESS: Paul Kragh invited Kristen Jenson from the Environmental Advisory Board, City of Pembroke Pines. Unfortunately, she did not attend the meeting. Paul Kragh went over some activities that the Pembroke Pines Environmental Advisory Board is doing during the year. They have functions for Arbor Day and a Great Yard Award. Pembroke Pines is now an NWF Community Wildlife Habitat. They use dried pineapple rings and apple rings coated with birdseed as giveaways to feed the birds in their community. Next, Paul Kragh asked the board members if anyone would want to be a board officer for FY 2019 – 2020. No one volunteered, so Janice Malkoff made a motion to keep the same slate of officers for next year. Janet Arculeo seconded the motion. All board members voted and approved the motion. The slate of officers will remain the same. There was a discussion of tracking the Green Advisory Board members' volunteer hours. All events that the board attends will now have a sign in and sign out sheet so the Recording Secretary can add hours to the GAB volunteer hours spreadsheet. Next on the agenda was a discussion of the Cooper City Tree and Plant Care workshop. Jeannette says the garden tool giveaways arrived and thanked the Board for purchasing them for the workshop. The next item on the agenda was the purchase of Bamboo Pot giveaways from the Cooper City Utilities Department. Since the GAB budget for this year had already been voted on and spent, this purchase will have to go on next year's budget. After the discussion, Diana Guidry motioned that the board spend

\$100 for the purchase of the Bamboo pots and Lill Maniscalco seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved for next year's budget. Diana Guidry passed around the Cooper City Academy notebook to encourage other board members to attend the next academy. There was a discussion of 2020 Water Matters Day and Cooper City Founders Day. Next year, they are falling on the same day.

OLD BUSINESS: Geraldine DeBianchi gave a brief review of the Sunshine Law workshop. Board members may take turns selecting a home for the Yard of the Month using the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat criteria. The Board Members have not heard from the Parks and Recreation Department if Cooper City is going to have a Garden Club. There was a discussion of which Waste Management facility the board members would like to tour. Jeannette Wofford will try to get a tour in the fall when the weather is cooler. Jada Pallagi spoke on the activities of the Cooper City High School Environmental Club. They are going to help collect needed supplies for the Bahamas.

MEMBER COMMENTS & CONCERNS: Jerilyn Habenicht is still interested in helping the schools get seeds from Walmart to distribute to the science classes at the schools. She is going to get in contact with former Commissioner Lisa Mallozzi to acquire the seed packets. Jerilyn Habenicht has spent 20 volunteer hours helping with the Food Rescue program at Pioneer Middle School.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded by Jerilyn Habenicht and Geraldine DeBianchi respectively, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Minutes submitted by Linda Kragh, 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 10/3, 2019.