

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES September 5, 2024

ATTENDANCE: The following Green Advisory Board members were present at 6:10 pm when the meeting commenced at the City of Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center meeting room: Paul Kragh, Chairperson, Bob Kirschbaum, Vice Chairperson and Treasurer, Janet Arculeo, Jennifer Gross, Jerilyn Habenicht, Jacque Sanchez and Analia Exposito, Cooper City High School student liaison.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Jackie Fisher, Diana Guidry, Lill Maniscalco, Ileana Ryan

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn DeLand, Cooper City Green Advisory Board Liaison, Linda Kragh, GAB Recording Secretary Emeritus to the Board, and Jeannette Wofford, Cooper City resident.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Jennifer Gross made a motion to approve the May 2, 2024, minutes as written. Jacque Sanchez seconded the motion. All board members voted for the approval of the minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kirschbaum presented the Treasurer's Report. The GAB 2023 – 2024 FY budget has \$412.54 remaining in the budget.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC INPUT: Analia Exposito, the new Cooper City High School student liaison reported that the first meeting of the Environmental Club SITE will be next Tuesday. She believes that they will have 30 members that will help with the events they are planning. They have a new faculty sponsor who is interested in refurbishing the gardens on the campus. Karen Wade was not able to be in attendance to talk about the city's beautification plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS: The meeting started as a workshop due to not having a full quorum of members in attendance. The Board Members, Dawn DeLand and Jennette Wofford discussed the needs of the Cooper City Tree and Plant Care workshop scheduled for September 28, 2024. As of today, there are 61 registered residents. Jeannette suggested that the workshop be advertised on Facebook and the city's marquees again to refresh the memories of the city residents. Jeannette reminded Dawn of the supplies needed for the workshop such as the screen, media cart for the laptop, etc. Bryan Tozzie from Alexanders Nursery will be brining plants for sale at the lunch break. Florida Nursery Mart will be giving their usual discount at the nursery for attending the workshop. The board members discussed giving their presentation to the Cooper City Commissioners after the new Mayor and Commissioners are elected. Board members agreed to clean up the Butterfly Garden at the Pool and Tennis Center when the weather got a little cooler. The election of officers was tabled until the next meeting due to so few board members in attendance. Jerilyn Habenicht arrived at the meeting, so the Board had a full quorum to vote on approving the minutes and spending the \$412 that was left in the budget. Jerilyn Habenicht made a motion to spend the \$412 for Project Perch so they could refresh the rope, posts and perches for the Burrowing Owls in the Cooper City parks such as Ted Ferone Park, Tamarind Park, Forest Lake Park, Poinciana Park, and Suellen H Fardelmann Sports Complex. Janet Arculeo seconded the motion, and the

boards members approved the motion. The money will be spent for this fiscal year. Some of the ideas presented for spending money next fiscal year were: The bird sign at Flamingo West Park is cracking due to the sun beating on it. Paul Kragh suggested moving it to a north facing location after it is replaced next year. The board members still want to buy plant identification signs for the Butterfly Garden. They would like signs that are similar to the ones at Flamingo Gardens. Jacque Sanchez suggested that we get portable signs such as corrugated yard signs that have environmental messages such as “Think Green do your part to reduce energy.” They could be loaned to the schools for environmental events.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board members discussed the Tree City USA designation. See: [Tree City USA at arborday.org](http://TreeCityUSA.org) Next year, Cooper City will be a Tree City USA for 43 years. Dawn DeLand mentioned that the National Wildlife Federation Mayors’ Monarch Pledge and the National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat designations will have to be renewed but one of these is for 3 years. She will check on this.

MEMBER COMMENTS & CONCERNS: Paul Kragh and Project Perch are working with Sun Credit Union to protect the Burrowing owls in the property the credit union is developing on Stirling Road across from the high school. This property had owlets very late in the Burrowing owl breeding season. The Credit Union will need a permit from the FWC since the Burrowing owl is a threatened species.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded by Jennifer Gross and Jacque Sanchez respectively, the Board members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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 _____, 2024.