

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES October 3, 2024

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, Jackie Fisher, Diana Guidry, Jerilyn Habenicht, and Lill Maniscalco.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Kirschbaum, Vice Chairperson and Treasurer, Jennifer Gross, Ileana Ryan, Jacque Sanchez, and Analia Exposito, Cooper City High School student liaison.

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Diana Guidry made a motion to approve the September 5, 2024 minutes as amended. Jerilyn Habenicht seconded the motion. All board members voted for the approval of the minutes as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Kirschbaum was absent due to the holiday. Dawn Deland said that \$2500 was in the system for the Green Advisory Board to spend this fiscal year. Paul Kragh reported that last year's budget was spent all except 54 cents which will be returned to the city.

GUEST SPEAKER:

PUBLIC INPUT: Analia Exposito, the new Cooper City High School student liaison, was not in attendance. It was a school holiday today.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Kragh reminded the Board Members of the following events that the Board members attended last year. The events were Light Up Cooper City, Arbor Day event at one of the schools in the City, Senior Expo, and Cooper City Founder's Day. There was a discussion of the events. Some of the Board members felt that the Board should support more educational programs not recreational programs. There was a discussion of attending Water Matters Day instead of Founders Day this coming year since they both fall on the same day, March 8, 2025. Paul Kragh felt the Board members should talk more about this at the next meeting since a few Board members were not in attendance. There was a discussion of how to get informed about educational and recreational programs the city will have in the future. The link for the sign up is: [Sign up to receive E-Mail notifications from Cooper City - Contact Us - Cooper City, FL](#). There is also an alert notification residents can sign up for at [Cooper City Public Alerts - Sign In \(everbridge.net\)](#). Paul Kragh also mentioned that Light Up Cooper City will be Friday December 6, 2024. Board Members who wanted to help at the event last year found it impossible to find a parking spot so could not help last year. Many Board members want to attend the event with family member, so they do not have the time to help. The next topic of discussion was the Flamingo West bird sign. The Board members seemed to think the \$225 that Quick Time Signs wants to replace the sign seems reasonable, but they had some ideas to improve the sign. Board members felt that the background of the sign should be changed so that the pictures of the birds will jump out on the sign. Also, they wondered if they could find better pictures of the birds since the sign was made over 5

years ago. Paul Kragh mentioned that the sign should be relocated to the north side of the lake. It would be facing north and could be viewed from the walking path with the lake in the background. This would protect the sign from the UV rays of the sun and allow it to last longer than 5 years. There was a brief discussion of what to spend the Green Advisory Board's budget on next year, besides updating the bird sign at Flamingo West Park. The city is still having heat advisories most days, so the Board members decided to put off refreshing the Cooper City Pool and Tennis Butterfly Garden until after the next meeting. The Election of Officers was tabled since the meeting did not have a large group of members in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board members discussed the Cooper City Tree and Plant Care Workshop. There were 77 people in attendance. The Board members were disappointed in the food. They did not get the same bang for their buck by buying food at Publix, but Dawn did not have much choice since she was given very little notice that our regular supplier could not provide the food due to her business not being in Cooper City. The Cooper City budget for the food is \$12 per person. It will be hard to have breakfast and lunch food for this event at this price next year. The event has a budget of \$2000 which includes the packets given out and the mailings to the residents that attend. There was a discussion about how to inform more of the residents about the event. One of the Board members suggested that the program be shorted to run from 9 am to 2 pm. The Board members thought all of the speakers this year were wonderful and talked about interesting and informative topics. Paul Kragh mentioned that the Board members contributed over 252 volunteer hours to helping the city last year.

MEMBER COMMENTS & CONCERNS: Paul Kragh and Project Perch are still 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. Flamingo Gardens recently released a burrowing owl without putting it in a burrow even after Project Perch demonstrated the proper way to release a Burrowing Owl since they are a threatened species. Dawn Deland mentioned that Commissioner Mallozzi was approached by an organization called Dream in Green to present a workshop in Cooper City. She suggested to the organization that they contact the Green Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded by Jackie Fisher and Lill Maniscalco respectively, the Board members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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 Paul Kragh, Chairperson of the Green Advisory Board, on November 7, 2024.