

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT were members Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi, Ms. Valerie Elliott, Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. Owen Kelley, Dr. John Paul Schmit, Ms. Leeann Irwin, and Mr. Joseph Murray.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator, and Greenbelt resident Dr. Bryan Bruns.

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of July 26, 2018 were approved.

FINAL REVISIONS TO ARTICLE 12 OF CITY CODE: The changes to the city code were approved with changes. The Board approved proceeding with next steps to get the document to City Council.

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION AND SECTION 2 TRAILS OF THE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES: General discussion of trials was accepted in the introduction section of the Stewardship Guidelines. Edits were made to section 2 trails of the Stewardship Guidelines. Discussion will continue on both sections at the next meeting

SECTION 6 DISTURBANCE: Discussion was held on the definition of disturbance. Joseph Murray was tasked with writing an additional paragraph highlighting the history of land use in the Forest Preserve. Discussion of this section will continue at the next meeting.

“ILLEGAL HUNTING” LETTER: Final edits were made to the Board’s response letter to the article in the Greenbelt News Review on illegal hunting in the Forest Preserve to be sent for Council review.

ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH TO SECTION 5 INVASIVE SPECIES OF THE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES: The additional paragraph was approved by the Board.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Department of Public Works facility.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by the Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent