

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator, and Greenbelt local Mr. 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 June 21, 2018 were approved with changes.

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION OF THE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES: Revisions to section 1 of the Stewardship Guidelines were discussed. The addition of a paragraph on public education and other edits will be made by Dr. Owen Kelley and discussion of this section will continue at the next FPAB meeting.

SECTION 2 TRAILS OF THE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES: Revisions were discussed and further edits will be made to this section by Dr. Donna Hoffmeister. Discussion of this section will continue at the next FPAB meeting.

SECTIONS 8, 9, AND 10 OF THE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES: Final edits to these sections were made and the final version was approved by the Board.

NEWS REVIEW ARTICLE RESPONSE LETTER: The issue of whether City advisory boards can make public statements without council approval was raised. It was determined that clarification is needed in the City advisory board by laws on this issue. The Board decided to submit the letter to council asking for approval to print it in the Greenbelt News Review.

CHAPTER 12 OF CITY CODE: This item was not discussed due to time restrictions. It will be placed on the agenda for the next FPAB meeting.

GHI WOODLANDS TRAIL MAPPING: Mr. Bryan Bruns informed the Board of measures taken by the GHI woodlands committee to map the trails of the GHI woodlands using an open source service on the internet. This and other methods of trail mapping will be considered by the Board at a future date.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for August 30, 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 9:05 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent