

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT** was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator, Mr. Brian Townsend, Assistant Director of Parks, and Mr. John Buck.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting minutes of January 24, 2019 were approved.

**PEPCO TREE REMOVAL:** The Board was made aware of several trees on the perimeter of the Boxwood Tract of the Forest Preserve near power lines that PEPCO has flagged for removal. The Board agreed to let PEPCO remove the trees once City staff has approved PEPCO's removal plan.

**REVIEW OF DYNAMIC GOVERNANCE:** Mr. John Buck reviewed the dynamic governance method and made the Board aware of an upcoming training event on dynamic governance.

**SUSTAINABLE LANDCARE POLICY:** Mr. Brian Townsend reviewed the history and current standing of the proposed Sustainable Landcare Policy. Comments from Green ACES on the Sustainable Landcare Policy were given to the Board. The Board decided to place discussion of the Sustainable Landcare Policy and Green ACES comments as an agenda item for next month's meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The Executive Summary of the Stewardship Guidelines was discussed and edits made. Further discussion of the final edits will occur at the next meeting.

**EXCEPTIONS TO FOREST PRESERVE REQUIREMENTS:** The Exceptions to Forest Preserve Requirements section of the Stewardship Guidelines was discussed and edits made. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**STREAM NAME:** Dr. Owen Kelley presented an article he had written for the Greenbelt News Review. The Board discussed and suggested edits for the article. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2019 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 9:03 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent