

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT** was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator.

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION:** Board member Dr. Bryan Bruns was unable to attend the meeting. Attempts to have Dr. Bruns participate remotely failed.

**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 February 28, 2019 were approved with changes.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The Executive Summary section of the Stewardship Guidelines was finalized and approved by the Board.

**NON-CONFORMING AREAS:** The name of this section was officially changed to “Specially Managed Areas”. This section of the Stewardship Guidelines was discussed and edits made. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**SUSTAINABLE LANDCARE POLICY:** The Board concluded that the Sustainable Landcare Policy did not specifically apply to the Forest Preserve. The Board approved the 2017 version of the Sustainable Landcare Policy with the insertion of a clarification paragraph and no further changes. The Board will submit the clarification paragraph that outlines the Forest Preserve as being a separately managed area in a report to Council.

**SCIENCE FUND:** The Board discussed the status of the science fund that the Board requested be placed in the City’s FY2020 budget. The Board recognized Council’s apprehension about having the Environmental Coordinator be in charge of the fund. The Board would like to coordinate applications to the fund and select projects for it in a way similar to the process used by the Advisory Committee on Education.

**STREAM NAME:** Time did not permit discussion of this item. It will be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 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 9:10 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent