

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

**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 March 28, 2019 were approved with changes.

**PEPCO TREE REMOVAL:** The Board was informed on what trees within the Bellepoint and Boxwood Tracts of the Forest Preserve PEPCO wanted to remove. City staff reviewed PEPCO's plans and recommended that all marked dead trees be removed, a marked live cottonwood tree remain, and the Board requested that a marked live pine be pruned instead of removed. The Board agreed with staff's recommendations with the addition of the Board's request.

**SPECIALLY MANAGED AREAS:** The Specially Managed Areas section of the Stewardship Guidelines was discussed and final edits made. This section was finalized and approved by the Board.

**STREAM NAME:** The article written by Dr. Owen Kelley for the Greenbelt News Review was discussed and edited. The Board will ask Dr. Owen Kelley for clarification on census data cited in the article before publishing.

**COMPILING GLOSSARY:** The Board discussed what items should be included in the Stewardship Guidelines glossary and Board members were assigned sections of the Stewardship Guidelines for final editing.

**WETLANDS MAP:** The Board agreed on including a map of the waterways and wetland areas in Greenbelt in the Wetlands Section of the Stewardship Guidelines. Environmental Coordinator Jason Martin agreed to produce a map using existing GIS data.

**PG ATLAS ZONING:** Dr. Bryan Bruns brought to the attention of the Board data on PG Atlas that shows the North Woods Tract of the Forest Preserve zoned for rural residential. The staff liaison agreed to inquire with city staff on the accuracy of this data.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent