

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JULY 25, 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, Dr. John Paul Schmit, and Dr. Bryan Bruns.

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

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi 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 27, 2019 were approved with changes.

GENERAL UPDATES: Dr. Donna Hoffmeister updated the Board on efforts to advertise the science fund at the University of Maryland. Mr. Damien Ossi updated the Board on the status of the Stewardship Guidelines after being sent to Council.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH BOARD CHAIRS: Mr. Damien Ossi briefed the Board on topics covered at the annual meeting between City Council and advisory board chairs.

REPORT FROM SUSTAINABLE LANDCARE POLICY WORKSESSION: Mr. Damien Ossi briefed the Board on topics covered at the City Council worksession on the Sustainable Landcare Policy.

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW ARTICLE "SARAH'S CREEK": Dr. Owen Kelley updated the Board on his efforts to publish the article. Dr. Owen Kelley inquired to the Greenbelt News Review on the status of the article and a possible publishing date. A publishing date has not been confirmed.

FALL CLEANUP: A cleanup event was scheduled for October 5, 2019 at the Sunrise Tract of the Forest Preserve.

FUTURE PROJECTS: The Board discussed and compiled a list of future projects to work on.

CHANGING BYLAWS: This agenda item was not discussed due to time restraints and will be put on the next meeting's agenda.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 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 9:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent