

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT were members Valerie Elliott, Donna Hoffmeister, Susan Gregersen, Joseph Murray and Damien Ossi.

ALSO PRESENT was Celia Craze, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved with changes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes.

OPENING ROUND: Chair Valerie Elliott invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

REVIEW OF A. MORTON THOMAS FOREST HEALTH ASSESSMENT: Ms. Craze reviewed the base mapping completed by A. Morton Thomas and shared the summary of the forest stands and the list of invasive species. She indicated the draft plan may be ready for review by the Board in April.

SCHEDULING OF FPAB FOREST PRESERVE CLEAN-UP EVENTS: The following points were discussed:

- The Board will try to coordinate with CHEARS on their events.
- Consideration of the weekends of 4/9; 4/16 and 4/22 was suggested.
- A stream clean-up for the summer was discussed with the possibility of the weekend of 8/27-28.
- A fall clean-up will be coordinated with the Pumpkin Walk, the weekend before the walk.
- Consideration of the Belle Point and Boxwood preserves for the spring clean-up were discussed as possible sites to highlight these locations as parts of the Preserve.

FOREST PRESERVE SIGNAGE: The design of the regulatory and identification signs was completed in 2010, with the first signs installed in 2011. The Hamilton Woods tract and the Boxwood tract do not have identification signs. Placement of regulatory signs was discussed and it was agreed to ask GHI if the regulatory signs could be placed at the end of Plateau Place and Laurel Hill Road. It was agreed to request that identification signs be placed as follows:

- Two for the Hamilton tract – one near the Hamilton Gardens and the other at Gardenway.
- One at the Boxwood tract.

DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE E: Mr. Ossi provided a brief update.

APPROVAL OF BYLAWS: The revised by-laws were approved by consent.

ELECTIONS: On a nomination by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Gregersen, Valerie Elliott was selected chair by consent.

On a nomination by Mr. Ossi and seconded by Mr. Murray, Susan Gregersen was selected vice-chair by consent.

OTHER ITEMS: Ms. Craze was asked to check on the status of the trail erosion report. Mr. Ossi reported that the Maryland Native Plant Society wanted to do a walk of the preserve this year. Ms. Craze noted a permit would be required.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were approved by consent.