

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

PRESENT were members Valerie Elliott, Donna Hoffmeister, Jason Martin and Susan Gregersen.

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting were approved with changes.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7 p.m.

REVIEW OF A. MORTON THOMAS FOREST HEALTH ASSESSMENT: Ms. Craze reviewed the base mapping completed by A. Morton Thomas. It was explained that these maps would be elaborated on in the AMT written report. Ms. Craze was asked to bring information on the forest stand delineation and invasive species to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE E AND GREENBELT BIOTA: Mr. Martin discussed the last meeting of Greenbelt Biota. There was further discussion of the members of Greenbelt Biota who will be collaborating on the Subcommittee E project.

It was agreed that there would be a target deadline of March, 2016 for the project content.

TRAIL EROSION – AREA A: The draft report was reviewed and edits made. Ms. Craze is to revise the report, send to the Board members review, and then forward it to the City Manager and City Clerk.

NEXT MEETING: Items for discussion at the February meeting include review of the by-laws, schedule for clean-up events, AMT update, forest preserve signage, report on the upkeep of buffer areas at the community gardens, compliance of community garden activities with city code, when community garden maintenance is done, Area D trails report, and will AMT address accessible trails in the forest health assessment.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were approved by consent.