

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT were members Valerie Elliott, Donna Hoffmeister, Susan Gregersen, John Paul Schmit, Damien Ossi, Jason Martin and Lauren Young. Mr. Murray was absent.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

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

REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES: The Board reviewed the Management and Maintenance Guidelines. Items discussed included:

- The guidelines only address the north and south preserve areas. Guidelines are needed for each forest preserve area.
- Consider merging areas D and E.
- Belle Point preserve has trails so these need to be addressed.
- Is it possible to consolidate areas of the guidelines?
- Identify management and maintenance objectives for each forest preserve area or subarea.
- Remove references to plans and studies.
- Is there value in establishing new guidelines aimed at keeping existing trails open? What are the pros and cons?
- There is nothing in the guidelines addressing streams and water, such as where are there streams, where do they originate, where to they go.
- Litter removal from streams.
- Add something about the changing character of the city and preserve users.
- Make cross references to the city code.
- Require that guidelines be updated at regular intervals.
- Consolidate like areas of the guidelines.
- Expand the history discussion.
- What would the characteristics of future forest preserve areas be?
- Consolidate philosophy into one section.
- Develop an outline.
- Combine invasives and vegetation sections of the guidelines.

The following items were listed as possible topics for the introduction to the guidelines:

- Policy statement from the city code
- Aspirations

- Vision
- Philosophy/rationale
- History
- Description of the forest preserve area
- Relationship to the city code requirements
- What's to follow
- How to use this document
- Future changes/review cycle
- What needs to be in the document

It was decided that Ms. Craze would draft an outline for board discussion at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2016.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were approved by consent.