

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT were members Valerie Elliott, Donna Hoffmeister, Susan Gregersen and Damien Ossi. Mr. Murray arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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

MEETING OF ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS WITH CITY COUNCIL: Ms. Elliott summarized the recent work session between the City Council and advisory board chairs. A status report on board reports was distributed and discussed.

UPDATE ON FPAB FOREST PRESERVE CLEAN-UP EVENTS: There was a brief discussion of the upcoming events. Ms. Gregersen will attend the Belle Point clean-up event, and Ms. Elliott will attend the Boxwood clean-up event.

DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL TRAILS DAY: National Trails Day is scheduled for June 4. There was a brief discussion of possible FPAB involvement, although nothing was decided.

DISCUSSION OF FOREST PRESERVE SIGNAGE: Ms. Craze reported that she had not consulted with GHI on a possible sign location in GHI land adjacent to the preserve. Ms. Craze is to follow-up.

DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE E: Ms. Elliott has finished her report on foxes. Mr. Ossi has completed plants. Reports that were compiled by the members of the Greenbelt Biota Natural History Club on fungi, plants and birds are complete.

APRIL MEETING: Ms. Craze is to check on the status of the forest health assessment report. Other items mentioned for the April agenda include lessons learned about from the clean-ups, and status of regular clean-up around the community gardens.

CLEAN-UP BEHIND FENCE NEAR SPELLMAN OVERPASS: There was a brief discussion about the possibility of scheduling a special clean-up behind the fence adjacent to the Spellman overpass. Ms. Elliott is to email members to evaluate interest.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were approved by consent.