

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, June 25, 2015 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT were members Donna Almquist, Valerie Elliott, Susan Gregersen, Donna Hoffmeister, Damien Ossi, Robert Snyder, Yoni Siegel, Joseph Murray and Willis Witter.

ALSO PRESENT was Jessica Bellah, Community Planner, Department of Planning and Community Development, J Davis, member of Council, and Rodney Roberts, member of Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved without change.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board approved the minutes from May 2015 with changes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE FOREST PRESERVE: Board members asked Ms. Bellah what can be done to enforce code issues such as fires being lit in the forest preserve and unleashed dogs. Ms. Bellah will inquire with the appropriate staff personnel.

FPAB WOODS CLEAN UP: The Board discussed the event, providing comments and lessons learned:

- Timing the clean up to when leaves are off trees would improve visibility.
- Significant amounts of trash remains in Area D behind fence near Spellman overpass.
- Wear tall rain boots near the stream.

PUMPKIN WALK (MOVE TO AREA B IN 2015): The Board reviews a recommendation to move the Pumpkin Walk to Area B. Mr. Murray voiced that he does not agree with the content but can live with it unchanged. The report stands approved.

PUMPKIN WALK (MOVE TO AREA D): Ms. Elliott introduces the topic to the board and suggests that the topic be broadened to a general discussion of trails in Area D. The Board discussed establishing no trails, new trails, or reestablishing old trails. Discussion included whether a new survey was needed and if the Board had previously voted to approve a trail in Area D in a report on April 24, 2014 title Reestablishment of Trails in Area D. No action was taken.

TRAIL EROSION IN AREA A: Mr. Ossi introduced the topic to the Board describing eroded trail conditions and channelization of water within the trail alignment. Mr. Ossi suggested that water bars could be installed to prevent continued erosion. The Board discussed how water bars were constructed and worked. Ms. Bellah shared her

experiences installing water bars to minimize erosion on trails. The Board discussed how erosion control was addressed in the guidelines and whether the trail should be closed. Ms. Elliott asked that public works staff evaluate the trail condition and provide a recommendation to inform further discussion.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jessica Bellah

These minutes were approved by consent.