

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, May 28, 2015 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT was Celia Craze, Planning and Community Development Director, and Councilmember J Davis.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion of a request for filming of an independent movie at the forest preserve, and discussion of the stockpiling of asphalt millings at the Northway fields.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2015 were approved by consent.

DISCUSSION OF STOCKPILING OF ASPHALT MILLINGS AT NORTHWAY FIELDS: It was noted that it appeared the stockpile of asphalt millings in the parking area adjacent to the forest preserve at Northway fields appears to have breached its barrier and has encroached into the forest preserve. It was agreed that Ms. Craze would look into the matter.

DISCUSSION OF FPAB WOODS CLEAN-UP: Final plans and preparations were discussed. There was concern expressed that notices may contain erroneous information, and it was agreed to have the various postings and notices double checked for correct meeting information. It was suggested that next year the event be scheduled earlier in the year.

REVIEW OF PUMPKIN WALK REPORT: The Board reviewed a draft report suggesting that the 2015 Pumpkin Walk be held in area B, and that the future location of the Pumpkin Walk be area D. After brief discussion it was decided to limit the content of the report to the recommendation for the 2015 Pumpkin Walk. Ms. Craze is to draft the report.

DISCUSSION OF REQUEST TO ALLOWING FILMING IN THE FOREST PRESERVE: Present was Mr. Zelvanous to discuss his proposed project, which would involve filming several scenes for an independent film production adjacent to the forest preserve, in the area of Northway Fields. Ms. Craze advised that a park use permit would be required. No other action was taken.

PRESENTATION ON FOREST HEALTH CHAPTER OF MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES: Mr. Snyder summarized the forest health chapter of the Management and Maintenance Guidelines. There was some discussion of interpretation of language in the guidelines. It was suggested that a glossary could be

prepared to address differences in interpretation of language used in the guidelines. Discussion of this chapter is to be completed at the June meeting.

**EVALUATION OF CIRCLE MEETING USE FOR FPAB:** Board members shared their impressions of the circle meeting method for conducting board meetings. It was agreed by consent to continue using the circle method for the next six (6) meetings.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** There was discussion of cancelling either the July or August meeting. Members are to check their calendars.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Chair Valerie Elliott invited members to state closing remarks.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze

Director

These minutes were approved by consent.