

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD HELD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011 AT THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY
CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ginny Mudrock at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT were Chair Mudrock and Board members Noll, Kastner, Ossi, Elliott and Murray.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of the following items- Baltimore Washington Partnership for Forest Stewardship, National Park Service Improvements at Greenbelt Park, review of sign design mock-up and Metroland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Noll and seconded by Ms. Kastner, the minutes of the meeting of October, 2010 was approved without change. On a motion by Mr. Ossi and seconded by Mr. Murray, the minutes of the November, 2010 meeting were approved without change. There were questions regarding the September, 2010. Ms. Craze is to check with Ms. Hofstra, who staffed that meeting, in an effort to address questions of the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) STATUS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO DUMPING REGULATIONS – Ms. Craze advised that enough time had elapsed since the FPAB reviewed the proposed changes that she would re-review, and would then resubmit the legislation for consideration by the City Council.
- b) PUMPKIN WALK BROCHURE – Ms. Craze stated that she was working with the City's web master on getting the brochure added to the City web page.
- c) NORTHWAY SIGN DIET – The City Manager has still not approved the signs.
- d) REGULATORY SIGN DISCUSSION – Ms. Craze is to check with Ms. Riddle on the signs.
- e) IDENTIFICATION SIGN DISCUSSION – Ms. Riddle is to be invited to the next meeting to discuss final sign design.

- f) **NAMING OF FOREST PRESERVE PARCELS** - Mr. Noll suggested that the name “North Woods Preserve” be considered for the North Preserve, and “Hamilton Woods Preserve” be considered for the South Preserve. He went on to suggest that the names “Boxwood Preserve” and “Belle Point Preserve” be retained. There was a short discussion whether the word “preserve” or “tract” would be part of the official name. It was decided to consider “preserve” part of the formal name when referring to the “Greenbelt Forest Preserve” When referring to the individual parcels of the forest preserve, the term “tract” will be used in description of the specific forest preserve name. On a motion by Ms. Kastner and seconded by Mr. Ossi, it was voted to endorse the names “North Woods Tract”, “Hamilton Woods Tract”, “Boxwood Tract” and “Belle Point Tract” be designated the official names for the existing Forest Preserve parcels. The motion was passed on a vote of 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON PARTNERSHIP FOR FOREST STEWARDSHIP REPORT** – Chair Mudrock stated that she had attended the workshop on this initiative, and found it to be very interesting, and believed that it would be advantageous to participate in this organization. Mayor Davis noted that Lesley Riddle would represent the city with this group. The FPAB agreed that the Board could be advised of any impacts on the preserve through Ms. Riddle, but asked that Ms. Riddle let the FPAB know of any upcoming workshops. On a motion by Mr. Ossi and seconded by Mr. Murray, it was voted to forward this recommendation to the City Council.
- b) **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO GREENBELT PARK** – Ms. Craze shared with the Board notice of upcoming planning to improve/repair some roadway, bridges and culverts in Greenbelt Park. At this time, there is no information to be shared. Ms. Craze advised that the city would include itself as a party of record so the city would receive any notices associated with this project.

Ms. Kastner suggested that the project area may be outside the purview of the Board, but that staff could monitor and keep the board briefed about the project. Ms. Kastner also stated she felt that removal of the bridge culverts would probably be an improvement, but that she would not favor improvements involving significantly increased development beyond the existing basic structures.

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- c) **REVIEW OF MOCK-UP OF IDENTIFICATION SIGN AS PREPARED BY MR. OSSO** - Mr. Ossi presented a mock-up of the proposed Forest

Preserve identification sign, which he had created using Photoshop. This sign included the content that the Board desired, although the tree outline/relief for the top of the sign was not reflected. Ms. Craze is to forward the design to Ms. Riddle for review by Department of Public Works.

- d) METROLAND – Mr. Murray requested that this item be added because of his concerns that Smart Growth really isn't smart and is not accomplishing its objectives. He referenced air quality at Metroland is below standards, and the introduction of additional development with additional vehicle trips will cause worsening of the air quality condition. Ms. Kastner indicated her overall agreement with Mr. Murray's concerns about 'smart growth'. The discussion continued with questions and comments regarding development, impacts of development, Smart Growth and its success (of lack thereof) and other associated issues.

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NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2010.

NEXT AGENDA: Mr. Murray noted he would be holding a Naturalist Class, if any members might be interested.

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There being no other business, on a motion by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Murray, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze
Director

These minutes were approved by a vote 7-0.

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