

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD HELD TUESDAY,
MAY 24, 2011 AT THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ginny Mudrock at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT was Mayor J Davis, Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze, and guest Janet Hagelgans.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with additions.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) PRESENTATION BY JANET HAGELGANS – Board member Kastner introduced her daughter, Janet Hagelgans to the Board. Ms. Hagelgans is a recent graduate of Parks Law Enforcement Academy and presented to the Board a proposal for her to work as a volunteer summer forest preserve park ranger. She presented an outline of the types of duties she could perform based on her education and experience. The Board was very interested with Ms. Hagelgans background and her offer to patrol and forest preserves while promoting the purpose of the preserve through education. It was the consensus of the Board that Ms. Hagelgans services would be an asset and the Board agreed to forward to the City Manager an outline of Ms. Hagelgans' proposal with a recommendation that the city accept her offer. Ms. Craze was asked to communicate with the City Manager Ms. Hagelgans' proposal and the Board's support of it. Chair Mudrock asked Ms. Hagelgans if she would be willing to attend FPAB meetings and discuss her experiences, which she agreed to do

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) REGULATIONS REGARDING DUMPING – Ms. Craze advised that this item is still waiting to be submitted to the City Council.
- b) FOREST PRESERVE REGULATORY SIGN – The FPAB report for on this item will be received by the City Council on June 20, 2011.
- c) FOREST PRESERVE ENTRANCE/IDENTIFICATION SIGNS – The FPAB report on this item will be received by the City Council on June 20, 2011.
- d) FOREST PRESERVE BROCHURE – The Board made several

edits to the first published version of the brochure. After Ms. Craze revised the brochure to reflect these changes, she will ask Ms. Palau to post it on the city's web page.

- e) SLILT GRASS AT NORTH WOODS TRACT – Chair Mudrock is going to contact Lesley Riddle to schedule a date for pulling of the stilt grass.
- f) WALK OF PRESERVE WITH LESLEY RIDDLE - The walk was scheduled for June 4 at 9:30 a.m. and will focus on the Belle Point Preserve. The Board wishes to schedule a public walk sometime in the fall.
- g) NORTH WOODS TRACT EROSION – This item was deferred.
- h) APPOINTMENT TO VACANT BOARD POSITION – Ms. Craze advised that there were no pending applications for the vacant Board position. Ms. Hoffmeister agreed to write an article for the News Review describing the Forest Preserve Advisory Board in an effort to create interest in the Board vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) PESTICIDE USE AT COMMUNITY GARDENS – This item was deferred.
- b) FOREST PRESERVE DEDICATION – Ms. Craze asked if the Board was interested in a formal dedication, or something less involved. The Board established a tentative dedication in October.
- c) REVIEW OF FPAB REPORT ON THE FOREST STEWARDSHIP ORGANIZATION – The Board made several edits and directed that the report be forwarded to the City Council.
- d) DISCOVERY OF DEER REMAINS/HUNTING IN FOREST PRESERVE – Ms. Craze described the nature of the complaint, that several deer carcasses had been found near the community gardens, and there was concern that there was hunting occurring in the preserve. Mr. Murray reported that he had inspected the deer remains, and believed that the remains of four deer were found. He described the condition of the remains, and stated the remains were consistent with deer that had been hunted, butchered, and the remains disposed in the woods. He said that he as found other remains in the preserve, and believes it is some hunter's effort to return the remains to nature. He also said he did not believe the

structure in the tree was a tree stand, but instead was the remnant of an old tree house.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for June 16, 2011 at 7 p.m.

There being no other business, on a motion by Ms. Kastner and seconded by Mr. Noll, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze
Director

These minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.