

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD HELD  
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE  
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ginny Mudrock at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT were Chair Mudrock and Board members Noll, Murray, Elliott and Hoffmeister. Ms. Kastner had advised that she would be absent due to illness. Ms Gregersen was out of town on business.

ALSO PRESENT was Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Noll and seconded by Ms. Elliott the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Ms. Mudrock and seconded by Ms. Elliott the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2010 were approved with changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) LETTER TO FORMER MEMBER BUCCO – Ms. Craze circulated a letter of thanks to Ms. Bucco for her service on the Board. The members of the Board signed the letter and directed that it be sent to Ms. Bucco.
- b) REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 17 OF THE CITY CODE RE. SOLID WASTE AND DUMPING – Ms. Craze reviewed changes to the proposed revisions which reflect the input of the city's recycling coordinator, Luisa Robles. The changes generally reflect refinement of definitions, to make the definitions conform with definitions used in the field of solid waste management. On a motion by Mr. Noll and seconded by Ms. Elliott, the Board voted to recommend approval of the revised regulations by the City Council. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
- c) REVIEW OF FPAB REPORT TO COUNCIL RE. NAMING OF THE PRESERVE - The Board were provided copies of the FPAB report which was submitted to the City Council for their action. Ms. Mudrock stated she would be attending the May 24 council meeting during which action would be taken on the FPAB report.

- d) WALK OF FOREST PRESERVE WITH LESLEY RIDDLE – The Board was reminded of the scheduled walk through the preserve with Public Works Assistant Director Lesley Riddle, scheduled for Saturday, June 19 at 9:30 a.m. Board members are to meet at Northway Fields.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) REVIEW OF FOREST PRESERVE WALK OF MAY 16 WITH BOARD MEMBER MURRAY – Mr. Murray reported that ten people attended the walk, where he discussed how the forest ecosystem works. Mr. Murray was scheduled to further discuss options for forest management at the next FPAB meeting.

- b) REVIEW OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR FOREST PRESERVE REGULATORY SIGN – Ms. Craze circulated a draft of possible language for a sign. There was extensive discussion regarding what information to include on the sign as well as the phrasing of the language. There was general consensus that the tone of the wording should not be dictatorial, to the extent possible.

The Board discussed including a preamble or statement of context for the sign. After further discussion Ms. Hoffmeister volunteered to draft language for the sign, which would be shared with members of the Board for reaction and suggestions. This item is to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

- c) DISCUSSION OF FOREST PRESERVE IDENTIFICATION SIGN - Ms. Mudrock asked Board members their opinion of Ms. Craze's suggestion that the Board consider a sign made of a durable, plasticized material. It was the consensus of the members that the preference would be for a sign made of wood, similar in design and construction to the standard city indemnification signs used throughout the city. Ms. Craze stated she would meet with the Department of Public Works to review Ms. Mudrock's sign design and determine if it could be fabricated by city personnel. The Board asked that staff to include a brochure box on the sign. Staff was asked to report back to the Board at the next meeting.
- d) OTHER BUSINESS - Ms. Mudrock stated she did not want drafting of the informational pamphlet, as prepared by Mr. Noll, to languish. Mr. Noll stated he believed that the pamphlet could be finalized after the sign language is determined and naming of the preserve parcels is finalized. It was decided to keep completion of the pamphlet as a work priority for the Board.

Ms. Craze was asked to get information from Ms. Riddle about addressing erosion on the forest preserve trails. This item, as well as condition of the stream channels was added to the Board's list of items to be scheduled.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Offices of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

NEXT AGENDA: Items for the next agenda include proposed language for Forest Preserve regulatory sign; review of the Forest Preserve identification sign and costs; naming of individual parcels; alternative methods/options for trail maintenance.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze  
Director

These minutes were approved by a vote 7-0.