

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

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

PRESENT were members Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi, Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. Owen Kelley, Dr. John Paul Schmit, Dr. Bryan Bruns, and Ms. Valerie Elliott.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Horticultural Supervisor and Clara Longo University of Maryland journalism student.

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of August 29, 2019 were approved with changes.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL: The report to Council regarding the firefly sanctuary was approved with changes. The report to Council regarding fencing at the Sunrise Tract of the Forest Preserve was approved with changes.

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL WORKSESSION: The Board's presentation and talking points were discussed and organized in preparation for the Council worksession regarding the Stewardship Guidelines.

PRIORITIZE FUTURE PLANS: Ms. Valerie Elliott was tasked with creating a list prioritizing future plans for the Board.

POLICY AND BYLAWS: No Board members present had questions or comments on the policy and bylaws.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Department of Public Works facility.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by the Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor

These minutes were approved by consent