

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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, Dr. John Paul Schmit, Dr. Bryan Bruns, Ms. Leeann Irwin, Dr. Owen Kelley, and Ms. Susan Gregersen.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Horticultural Supervisor, Justan Randolph and Peter May from Green Mechanics.

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 October 24, 2019 were approved.

GREEN MECHANICS PROPOSAL: The application and proposal for the science fund by Green Mechanics was discussed with representatives from Green Mechanics present to answer any questions the Board might have. The Board approved the proposal with changes.

AMT Report: Discussion of the latest version of the AMT Forest Health Assessment will continue at the January meeting.

REPORT TO COUNCIL: The 2019-7 report to Council was approved.

BARC ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY: The Board discussed issues of concern to put on the environmental study agenda for new construction at BARC.

ZONING OF FOREST PRESERVE: Zoning issues of several areas in the Forest Preserve were discussed. The Co-Chairs will contact the City Manager about making zoning of Forest Preserve areas consistent.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2020 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 9:19 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor

These minutes were approved by consent.