

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 VIA VIDEO STREAM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT were members Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi, Ms. Valerie Elliott, Dr. John Paul Schmit, Dr. Owen Kelley, and Dr. Bryan Bruns all were present remotely via video stream.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Horticultural Supervisor, Judith Davis (city council member), Robert Trumble, Alison Longworth, Dave Eubanks, Jennifer Stabler, Jesse Oliver, Joe McNeal, Larry Davis, Peter May, Ben Fischler, and Martha Tomecek all present remotely via video stream.

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of May 28, 2020 were approved with changes.

GREEN MECHANICS: Green Mechanics have mapped five potential sites and three need to be selected. The environmental characteristics of each site were discussed.

COMMUNITY GARDEN AND FOREST PRESERVE BOUNDARIES: Plans to increase the buffer between the community gardens and the forest preserve were shared and discussed.

ADDITIONAL PARCELS TO FOREST PRESERVE: A draft report to include the wooded area in the Greenbrier neighborhood was shared and edits were made.

MASTER TRAILS PLAN: The Board will hold a public meeting for input and ideas on the master trails plan document. Further details on this meeting will be discussed at a future meeting.

PARK RANGERS: The role of the Greenbelt Recreation Department's park rangers was discussed and the Board was able to talk to a park ranger about any issues relating to the forest preserve.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm via video stream.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor

These minutes were approved by consent.