

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 VIA VIDEO STREAM**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Co-Chairs Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Mr. Damien Ossi, and members Dr. John Paul Schmit, Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. Bryan Bruns, Ms. Mary Ann Canter, Ms. Beth Novick, Dr. Owen Kelley, and Ms. Jessica Stewart, remotely via video stream.

ALSO PRESENT: Staff liaison Horticultural Supervisor Mr. Jason Martin, Council liaison Ms. Judith Davis, Katja Pottschmidt, and Clara Kuehn, Ben Fischler, Greg Rusk, Catherine Plaisant, Xavier Courouble.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of December 2, 2021 were approved with changes.

MAGLEV UPDATES: Updates on the MagLev were shared.

GARDEN SHADE PLAN: Staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin shared a preliminary phase one plan. A formal phase one plan will be drafted and shared at a future meeting.

TRAIL PILOT PROJECT: Dr. Bryan Bruns shared updates on work that was completed as part of the Trail Maintenance Pilot Project. The Board provided feedback and ideas for future projects.

TRAIL MASTER PLAN: Dr. Owen Kelley provided a draft of the North Woods section. The Board provided comments and edits were made.

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT: The Board discussed control methods for Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) and Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) were discussed. A report to Council will be written to outline a plan to control these invasive plants in the north and south sections of the Forest Preserve, particularly along Northway Rd and the wood line along the Northway ball field.

UPDATE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES: Postponed until a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm via video stream.

CLOSING REMARKS: The Board shared final remarks.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor

These minutes were approved by consent.