

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 VIA VIDEO STREAM**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Environmental Coordinator, Mr. Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Susan Barnett.

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chairs Mr. Damien Ossi and 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 additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of January 26, 2023 were approved.

MAGLEV UPDATES: The Board provided updates on the maglev.

SCIENCE FUND APPLICATION: The Board reviewed an application for the science fund submitted by Catherine Plaisant and Karen Prestegaard to study erosion in canyon creek. Provisionally approved by the Board.

TABLING AT GREENMAN FESTIVAL: The Board discussed potentially tabling at the Greenman festival this year. The Board is considering sharing a table with another group, “Celebrate the Forest Preserve”.

SPRING CLEAN-UP – GREENBRIAR: The Board proposed a Greenbriar clean-up volunteer event day for the spring. Potential dates will be organized with City staff.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITY: The Board discussed recent illegal activity in the Forest Preserve. The chairs will be making a formal request to code enforcement regarding the activities.

REPORT TO COUNCIL – NORTHWAY REROUTE: The Board approved the report and will submit to council.

MASTER TRAIL PLAN – SECTION 5 FINAL REVIEW: The Board reviewed the edits to section 5 of the Master Trail Plan and provided comments.

MASTER TRAIL PLAN OVERVIEW: Tabled discussion.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for March 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 pm via video stream.

ADJOURNED: 9:05 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kevin Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were