

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT: Co-Chairs Mr. Damien Ossi and Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, and members Dr. Owen Kelley, Dr. Bryan Bruns, and Mr. Thomas Doggett.

ALSO PRESENT: Council liaison, Judith Davis, and Staff liaison, Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for 6/22 were approved with corrections.

MAGLEV UPDATES: The board provided updates on the maglev.

LIAISON UPDATES: Staff and Council Liaisons provided relevant updates to the Board.

ADVERTISING THE SCIENCE FUND: The Board will be advertising the updated Science Fund flyer.

LABOR DAY FESTIVAL INFORMATION DAY TABLING: Board Members signed up for Information Day tabling shifts.

OWEN'S POSTER FOR THE EASTERN OLD GROWTH FOREST CONFERENCE: Dr. Owen Kelley will be attending the conference (9/21-9/23) and creating a poster describing the ecology of the Forest Preserve.

GREEN MECHANICS REPORT TO COUNCIL: Mr. Damien Ossi will provide an extrapolated report to Council.

REVIEW OF CHAIR ELECTION PROCESS: Chair election will take place 9/28. The Board reviewed the process of electing a new chair.

REVIEW OF PRIORITIES LIST: The Board reviewed the priorities list from the 6/22 meeting and provided comments and suggestions.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for September 28th, 2023 at 7:00 pm in person at the Public Works building.

ADJOURNED: 8:42 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kevin Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were