

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

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

PRESENT: Co-Chairs Dr. Bryan Bruns and Mr. Thomas Doggett, and members Dr. John Paul Schmit, Ms. Beth Novick, Mr. Damien Ossi, and Dr. Donna Hoffmeister.

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Council Liaison, Amy Knesel, and Greenbelt Park Ranger, Patrick Mullen.

OPENING ROUND: The Co-Chairs 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 4/25 were approved.

MAGLEV UPDATES: The Board provided updates on the Maglev.

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

PARK RANGERS: Park Ranger Coordinator, Patrick Mullen, spoke with the Board about ranger activities in the Forest Preserve.

OUTREACH/GREENMAN FESTIVAL: The Board discussed outreach materials and lessons learned from this year's Greenman Festival.

UPDATES ON TRAIL REROUTES/CLOSURES: Dr. Bruns discussed a report to council regarding trail reroutes/closures along the Canyon Creek Trail and Eagle Bridge Trail.

STEWARDSHIP: The Board discussed plans for the upcoming bush honeysuckle removal volunteer event on 5/25. Dr. Bruns and Mr. Doggett performed trail maintenance on 4/28.

ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AT NORTHWAY: The Board discussed adding signage at Northway and provided comments and suggestions.

GREENBRIAR PRESERVE: Ms. Novick provided updates from ERHS regarding dumping activities in the preserve.

GREEN MECHANICS: Mr. Doggett will provide a report to council summarizing the research completed by Green Mechanics.

CLOSING ROUND

ADJOURNED: 8:57 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kevin Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were