

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

PRESENT were members Chair Valerie Elliott, Vice-Chair Susan Gregersen, Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Mr. Jason Martin, Mr. Damien Ossi, Dr. Owen Kelley, and Dr. John Paul Schmit. Mr. Joseph Murray and Dr. Lauren Young were absent.

ALSO PRESENT were Council Member Rodney Roberts, City Council Liaison to FPAB, Celia Craze, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development, and Erin Josephitis, Environmental Coordinator, Department of Public Works. Visitor present was Mayor Pro Tem J. Davis.

OPENING ROUND: Vice-Chair Gregersen invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the June 8 meeting were approved by consent.

STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL LIAISON TO FPAB: Council Member Roberts provided a statement on his position as the City Council Liaison to FPAB. He shared a personal situation that has affected his ability to attend recent FPAB meetings. Once this temporary issue has been resolved, Roberts will have time available to attend FPAB meetings. It was decided to place this item on a future agenda for further discussion.

REVIEW OF AMT FOREST PRESERVE HEALTH ASSESSMENT:

- POLICY STATEMENT: The Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines Policy Statement was reviewed and approved with changes.
- SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION: The draft was reviewed and changes were made.
- SECTION 4 – MAINTENANCE: The draft was reviewed and changes were made. It was determined to place policies in the Trails section at a future meeting.

REVIEW DYNAMIC GOVERNANCE/CIRCLE MEETING: The Dynamic Governance/Circle Meeting approach and procedures were reviewed. Chair Valerie Elliott will send additional information about upcoming training opportunities and recommended that all members attend.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2017 at the Municipal Building. The following meeting on August 24, 2017 was rescheduled for August 31, 2017.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Erin Josephitis, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent.