

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

PRESENT were members Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Mr. Damien Ossi, Mr. Jason Martin, Dr. John Paul Schmit, Ms. Valerie Elliott, Mr. Joseph Murray and Dr. Lauren Young.

ALSO PRESENT was Celia Craze, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development.

OPENING ROUND: Chair Valerie Elliott 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 April 27 meeting were approved without changes.

GREEN MAN FESTIVAL FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION: The Board discussed the success of the outreach effort at the Green Man Festival and lessons learned for future outreach events. Issues discussed/comments made included:

- It is important to secure public support for the FPAB's efforts.
- The Board needs to evaluate if the Green Man Festival is a good investment of Board time and effort.
- There are other options for outreach, such as weed/plant identification workshops.
- Greenbelt Biota does similar activities.
- Is it possible to get a table during information day at the Labor Day festival?
- Should the Board request additional support from the city to do such events.
- Perhaps more information could be provided at outreach events.
- The Board should consider other forms of outreach.

Staff suggested that if the Board wanted additional support from the city, the Board should make a request and allow city staff to evaluate the request.

REVIEW OF SECTION 12 – FOREST HEALTH: The final draft was reviewed and approved.

REVIEW OF POLICY STATEMENT: It was agreed to wait until the Management and Maintenance Guidelines rewrite is complete before writing the Executive Summary. Ms. Craze is to write a new history section.

BOUNDARY BETWEEN GHI WOODLANDS AND FOREST PRESERVE: It was decided to place this item on the next agenda and to invite the GHI Woodlands Committee.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2017 at the Municipal Building.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were approved by consent.