

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011 AT 7 PM IN THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ginny Mudrock called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were board members Ossi, Elliott, Hoffmeister, Murray, and Noll. Board members Kastner and Gregersen were absent. Also present was Celia Craze, Planning and Community Development Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with no changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Ossi the minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board were approved without change. On a motion by Ms. Hoffmeister and seconded by Ms. Elliott, the minutes of the meeting of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board held July 21, 2011 were approved with changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dumping Regulations: Ms. Craze advised that proposed changes to the city code regulating dumping were awaiting city manager review.

Forest Preserve Regulatory Sign: Ms. Craze presented a fabricated Forest Preserve regulatory sign. There was a brief discussion regarding the elimination of the icons. Ms. Mudrock stated she would try to find stickers to replace the omitted icons. It was noted that the sign text should read bicycles or motor vehicles, and not motorcycles and motor vehicles, as shown on the sign.

Mr. Murray stated that he wanted to hold off on further fabrication of the regulatory sign because of the possible discussion of trail maintenance guidelines. Mr. Ossi responded that even if we allow "approved trail maintenance" there would still be the general prohibition of unapproved trail maintenance, and therefore the statement prohibiting trail maintenance would still be applicable. There was also discussion of including the web address on the sign, but it was decided to omit the web address.

As a next step, Ms. Craze is to recommend locations for the regulatory signs and will share those recommendations with the FPAB.

Forest Preserve Identification sign: Mr. Ossi provided Ms. Riddle with the approved art work for the leaf design to be included on the sign. The board discussed scheduling a dedication for the sign sometime in October.

Posting Forest Preserve Brochure to the City Website: Ms. Craze indicated that the brochure had not yet been revised. Once the brochure is revised it will be posted on the city website.

Stilt Grass Extraction: It was reported that Ms. Robles had conducted a program with 15 children to remove stilt grass at the preserve. The kids pulled stilt grass for about two hours.

North Woods Tract Trail Erosion: Ms. Mudrock reported on her inspection of the Northway trailhead erosion, which she conducted with Ms. Riddle. She felt that the log structure used at 10 court Plateau Place was a good example of what can be done in the preserve to help protect the eroding trails. They are looking at two places where trail maintenance such as that used behind 10 court Plateau Place might be appropriate.

Vacancies on Board: Ms. Hoffmeister had agreed to write an article for the News Review encouraging citizens to volunteer to serve on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Ms. Craze is to ask the City Clerk if it would be appropriate for the board to write such an article.

Investigation of Construction Debris at Belle Point: Ms. Riddle was asked to check on the collection of construction debris at the end of the Belle Point commercial parking lot. Ms. Craze indicated that this was a code enforcement issue and she would follow up.

Status of Pumpkin Walk Concert Fundraiser: More information is needed on this proposed activity. Ms. Craze is to check with Allison Smith, organizer of the pumpkin walk. If the proposed concert fundraiser is to take place within any area of the forest preserve, the matter will be placed on the future FPAB agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Forest Preserve Sign dedication: Ms. Craze is to ask the City Clerk for available dates for dedication of the forest preserve identification sign in October.

Invasive Control: This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Possible Changes to Management and Maintenance Guidelines: This item, included at the request of Mr. Murray, will be deferred to the next meeting.

Announcements: Ms. Craze advised that a new community planner, Jaime Fearer, had been hired and would start work in September

Mr. Murray discussed a training program he would be teaching.

Next meeting date: The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2011.

Adjournment: on a motion by Mr. Ossi and seconded by Mr. Noll, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Craze
Director

These minutes were proved by a vote of

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