MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ginny Mudrock called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT were members Damien Ossi, Joseph Murray, Susan Gregersen, and Donna Hoffmeister.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved without change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of August, 2011 were approved without change.

PROPOSED REVISION TO CITY CODE RE. DUMPING REGULATIONS: Ms. Craze reported the proposed revisions were still in review with the City Manager.

FOREST PRESERVE REGULATORY SIGN: The FPAB directed several changes to the wording of the sign.

FOREST PRESERVE ENTRANCE SIGNS: The FPAB needs to determine locations for the other preserve locations.

FOREST PRESERVE ENTRANCE SIGN DEDICATION: The sign dedication will be held October 15, 2011 at 10 a.m.

FOREST PRESERVE BROCHURE: Ms. Craze advised that the brochure had been posted to the city website.

STILT GRASS REMOVAL: Chair Mudrock congratulated Mr. Ossi on a success project to removal stilt grass from the preserve. There were many volunteer participants, and Ms. Mudrock noted many additional locations where stilt grass should be removed.

NORTH WOODS TRACT TRAIL EROSION: The Board had previously recommended that a zig-zag lock structure/step at the trail head near the no biking sign be installed to reduce sheet flow and minimize trail erosion. Ms. Craze advised that the proposal was pending review and approval by the City Manager.

PATROL SUMMARY: Ms. Hagelgans gave a summary of her forest preserve patrol observations and activities.

INVASIVES CONTROL AT BLUEBERRY HILL: Mr. Murray noted to the board that Blueberry Hill is being invaded by invasive plants and Blueberry Hill will die out without management.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze

Director

These minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.