

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD HELD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 AT THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY
CENTER

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

PRESENT were Chair Mudrock and Board members Kastner, Elliott, Ossi, Noll and Hoffmeister. Mr. Murray arrived later.

ALSO PRESENT was Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved without change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) STATUS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO DUMPING REGULATIONS – Ms. Craze advised that she would be preparing the enabling legislation for possible introduction in January, 2011.
- b) PUMPKIN WALK REVIEW - Mr. Noll stated that the clean-up after the event was very thorough. Ms. Elliott said she felt the biggest challenge for the event was the parking of vehicles along Northway, and suggested that next year “No Parking” signs be placed along Northway to direct motorists to park at the parking lots adjacent to the ball fields. She said that the trail seemed to hold up well.

There was some discussion about posting the Forest Preserve brochure on the Pumpkin Walk website. There was some concern that posting of the brochure could lead to over use of the preserve areas. Ms. Kastner suggested that the Forest Preserve brochure be posted on the city’s webpage, and then the Pumpkin Walk can hyper link to the city’s site.

Regarding extra copies of the Forest Preserve brochure, it was agreed that copies would be available in the offices of the Planning and Community Development department, and the brochure would also be available in an electronic format.

- c) NEWS REVIEW LEAF DISPOSAL AD – Ms. Craze is to see if the notice that residents should not dump leaves into the preserve can be

included in the annual city leaf collection notice.

- d) NORTHWAY SIGN DIET - Ms. Craze is to have the approved signs fabricated.
- e) REVIEW BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP - Ms. Mudrock and Mr. Murray attended the workshop. They agreed that the workshop was informative, but no further steps were required.
- f) REGULATORY SIGN DISCUSSION – The final design for the regulatory sign was approved on October 21, 2010. The Board asked what the next steps would be. Ms. Craze responded that the proposed sign would be forwarded to Public Works to work with the sign fabricator on design and production. The Board expressed a preference that the sign be 11” by 17” in size, if possible.
- g) IDENTIFICATION SIGN DISCUSSION – The Board asked if the size of the sign can be reduced from the estimated 9 foot length that Public Works believes would be necessary to incorporate the content supported by the Board. Specifically, the Board asked if using a 1” or 2” stencil would allow the size of the sign to be reduced. Ms. Craze was asked to check with Public Works to see if using a smaller stencil is possible. Staff is also to see if a mock-up of the sign can be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) THANK YOU LETTER TO JEAN SNYDER – Ms. Craze advised that a letter had been sent.
- b) NAMING OF PRESERVE PARCELS – This item was postponed until the next meeting.
- c) DISCUSSION OF TICKS – This item was postponed until the next meeting.
- d) TRAINING IN INVASIVES MANAGEMENT - Mr. Ossi asked if it would be possible for the Board to receive training about the management of invasive species.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 7 p.m. .

There being no other business, on a motion by Ms. Kastner and seconded by Mr. Noll, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze
Director

These minutes were approved by a vote 6-0.

APPROVED