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# Natural Areas Preservation Council

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**Natural Areas Preservation Council Meeting  
Milwaukee Public Museum  
800 West Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI  
April 17, 2015  
9:30 a.m.**

## **MINUTES**

(Subject to Council approval)

**Present:** James Bennett (chair), Sharon Dunwoody, Dave Sample, James Perry, Susan Borkin, Thomas Eddy, Jim Woodford (for Crain)  
**Absent:** Patrick Robinson, Erin Crain, Eric Anderson, Victoria Rydberg, Ken Bradbury,  
**Staff:** Thomas Meyer  
**Guests:** Ellen Censky<sup>1</sup> (Milwaukee Public Museum); two students from UW-Milwaukee; 1 student from Alverno College

James Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

**A. Minutes of Feb. 11, 2015 NAPC meeting**

Motion to approve (Borkin) with a second by Dunwoody - motion carried.

**B. Adoption of agenda – addition of award resolution for Susan Borkin**

Motion to approve (Perry) and a second (Borkin) – motion carried.

**C. Council Announcements**

1. Bennett presented a council resolution acknowledging Susan Borkin for 19 years of work on the council. Thomas Meyer presented Susan a plaque acknowledging her time on the council on behalf of the department.
2. Woodford updated the council on Erin Crain's new appointment to Deputy Lands Administrator.

**D. Report on previous action items**

1. NAPC enabling legislation – Crain (via Woodford) – no new updates.
2. Secretary's Letter (Bennett led a discussion of the process - no new updates available).

**E. Action items**

1. SNA Program/NAPC initiatives
  - i. Volunteer Stewards: Thomas Meyer provided an update on Jared Urban's work with the steward's manual development.

<sup>1</sup> – Ellen Censky will be taking over Susan Borkin's seat on the council beginning July 1, 2015.

- ii. SNA Site Assessments: no updates
  - iii. Use of SNAs as scientific areas: no updates
  - iv. Roles Definitions: no updates
  - v. Marketing and Outreach: Dunwoody updated the group on Lisa Gaumitz's work and ideas. Dunwoody and Eddy will continue to work with Lisa on new marketing ideas prior to the next council meeting.
2. Review of NAPC guideline development – Bennett reviewed NAPC guidelines. Woodford updated the council on existing guidelines review from central office and field staff. Council discussed handout and next steps in detail. **Actions:** Borkin will examine the invertebrate guidance; Sample will examine the Control of Fire guidance; and Bennett and Eddy will examine the Forested Natural Areas guidance. Council members will contact WDNR and external experts when completing draft revisions. SNA program staff will develop issue briefs on three new guidance documents and send these to the council prior to the next meeting. These new guidance documents will address: 1) a guidance document on selling SNA lands; 2) a guidance document for displaying/developing/and abandoning motorized trails and roads on SNAs; 3) a guidance document for undesignating SNA lands.
3. Review of council Operation Procedures – No action taken.
4. Future council meeting schedule
- i. Summer meeting and field visit – set for Monday, July 13, 2015 (9:30 a.m.) in Baraboo Area with field visit to Pewit's Nest SNA and McGilvra Woods. Woodford will arrange logistics.
  - ii. Fall meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Oct – Woodford will send out doodle pool to schedule

#### **F. Information items**

1. Bureau Announcements/ report – Woodford updated the council on Erin Crain new appointment.
2. Land Sales/Acquisitions - Meyer updated the council on recent land acquisition activities and funding for land acquisition. Acquisitions for the current fiscal year include: parcels at Cedarburg Bog, Lower Chippewa River, and Ridgeway Pines.

On a motion by Perry (second by Dunwoody ) the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

After the Council's meeting adjourned, attendees were provided a guided tour of the Museum's research Departments.