



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

New Items Agenda

for the

Meeting of the FPD Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 10:00 AM

NEW ITEMS**15-0708**

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, STANLEY MOORE, and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**Supporting the Establishment of a Veterans' Memorial Honoring Those Who Fought and Died in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn**

WHEREAS, the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been demonstrated through patriotic commitment and sacrifice of many veterans from Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County veterans are owed a great debt for serving in defense of this nation; and

WHEREAS, those sacrifices of our veterans have resulted in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued promise and perseverance of liberty for all the oppressed individuals throughout our world; and

WHEREAS, over 2 million members of the United States Armed Forces have been deployed to warzones since the commencement of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn; and

WHEREAS; many have been deployed for multiple tours of duty. More than 5,500 troops have been killed while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, and tens of thousands have been seriously wounded in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, in honor of these dedicated citizens of Cook County, the Cook County Forest Preserve Commissioners wish to memorialize the enduring efforts of our veterans in preserving the site at the Cook County Forest Preserve Headquarters area as a lasting symbol to the principles of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and those of every walk of life may be offered a sanctuary, to reflect on the lives of those that have made the ultimate sacrifice and those still serving; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is hereby decreed by the Cook County Forest Preserve Commissioners that a memorial be designed and built on the land where the Cook County Forest Preserve Headquarters resides; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve shall accept entries for the Memorial's design and construction from our Cook County Colleges and Universities, while working with members of the Veterans Assistance Commission, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran Association, Chicago Veterans, Superintendent of the Cook County Forest Preserve District and two members of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those United States Armed Service heroes from Cook County that have fallen during the line of duty post 911 shall have their name inscribed on the Memorial.