



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Minutes of the Contract Compliance Committee

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

9:40 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Miller, Lowry, Arroyo, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Moore and Sims (8)

Absent: Anaya (Excused) (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chair Miller asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

NO PUBLIC SPEAKERS

[21-0235](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 05/21/2019

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bill Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Deer that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[21-0166](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE EXTENSION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 5 - Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprises of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

1-8-5: - MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

1-8-5a: SUBDIVISION I-GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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T. Review and Sunset.

1. On or before the sunset date of this Ordinance [subdivision], the District shall review new evidence to determine whether it has a compelling interest in continuing narrowly tailored remedies to redress discrimination against PCEs so that the District will not function as a passive participant in a discriminatory marketplace.
2. This Ordinance [subdivision] shall sunset on or before ~~December 31, 2022.~~ ~~June 30, 2021~~ June 30, 2022.

1-8-5b: SUBDIVISION II-CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE.

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P. Program Review and Sunset.

1. The President and the Board of Commissioners shall receive ~~quarterly~~ ~~and an~~ ~~annual reports~~ report from the CCA detailing the District's performance under the Program.
2. The President and the Board of Commissioners will review these reports, including the Annual Aspirational Goals and the District's progress towards meeting those Goals and eliminating discrimination in its contracting activities and marketplace.
3. Prior to the sunset date of this subdivision, the District will review the operation of the Program and the evidentiary basis for the Program in order to determine whether the District has a continuing compelling interest in remedying discrimination against PCEs in its construction marketplace, and the permissible scope of any narrowly tailored remedies to redress discrimination against PCEs so that the District will not function as a passive participant in a discriminatory marketplace.
4. This subdivision shall sunset on or before ~~December 31, 2022.~~ ~~June 30, 2021~~ June 30, 2022.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect upon adoption.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to amend 21-0166. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Miller, Lowry, Arroyo, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Moore and Sims (8)

Absent: Anaya (1)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to recommend for approval as amended 21-0166. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Miller, Lowry, Arroyo, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Moore and Sims (8)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0207](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2020

Report Period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Summary: In July 2012, state legislation authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to establish provisions to address the underuse of minority and women-owned businesses with respect to procurement contracts. An ordinance establishing the program’s parameters and guidelines was passed by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners in September 2012. This initiative is significantly benefitting the residents of Cook County by increasing the pool of qualified minority and women-owned businesses that have the opportunity to be selected for contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves each year.

To remedy historic inequity and to facilitate greater inclusion, the Forest Preserves established aspirational contract goals for the participation of minority and women-owned businesses as set forth under the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2020 include awarded contracts achieved 48% minority and women-owned businesses participation; and 47% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in seven (7) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 21-0207. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Miller, Lowry, Arroyo, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Moore and Sims (8)

Absent: Anaya (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bill Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Luis Arroyo, Jr., that this meeting adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Miller, Lowry, Arroyo, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Moore and Sims (8)

Absent: Anaya (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chair



Secretary

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