



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 11:00 AM

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE FRIENDS OF THE FOREST PRESERVES ON ITS 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County manages nearly 70,000 acres of public land including some of the highest quality natural lands in the State of Illinois that provide residents and visitors opportunities for recreation, education, and pleasure; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Friends of the Forest Preserves is to be “the voice of a diverse community inspiring and organizing people to protect, restore, and expand the forest preserves in Cook County”; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Forest Preserves is the only independent non-profit organization solely focused on the Forest Preserves of Cook County and strives to safeguard and improve the forest preserves for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Forest Preserves was founded in 1998 by a small group of volunteers who cared deeply about Cook County’s natural and public lands and has since grown to be a force of more than 2,000 members and each year inspires and engages thousands of people to enjoy and care for the forest preserves; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Forest Preserves helped develop the Next Century Conservation Plan, an ambitious blueprint to make Cook County a national leader in urban conservation, and now plays a leadership role in the plan’s implementation; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Forest Preserves played an instrumental role in developing the Conservation Corps, a program that provides high school students and young adults with hands-on conservation projects to help restore land, including raising more than \$5 million in support that made possible engaging more than 950 young people who have helped care for and improve over 1,000 acres of Forest Preserves’ land; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County deeply values its long-standing partnership with Friends of the Forest Preserves and all that the organization does to leverage resources and opportunities for the benefit of the Forest Preserves of Cook County in the areas of restoration, education, volunteer stewardship and building a community of support; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County appreciates the spirit of collaboration, generosity, and enthusiasm that Friends of the Forest Preserves brings to everything it does.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, on behalf of ourselves and the staff of the Forest Preserves, do hereby congratulate and thank the board, staff, and members of Friends of the Forest Preserves on its 20th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Friends of the Forest Preserves.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR DEDICATION TO DUTY RELATED TO SEARCH AND RECOVERY EFFORTS IN MAY 2017

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Department of Law Enforcement is dedicated to its mission of serving and protecting the residents of Cook County and visitors of the Forest Preserves' attractions and properties; and

WHEREAS, the sworn law enforcement officers of the Forest Preserves' Department of Law Enforcement enforce ordinances and laws of the Forest Preserves, Cook County, and the State of Illinois, develop good public relations; perform duties pertaining to the welfare of the public and the operation of the Forest Preserves; and maintain peace, order and quiet within the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 13, 2017, members of the Forest Preserves' Department of Law Enforcement were the first to respond to a multijurisdictional dispatched call to Thatcher Woods regarding an individual entering the Des Plaines River from a railroad trestle and not resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves' Department of Law Enforcement immediately utilized all available personnel and resources to engage in an extensive search and recovery effort for the individual and were later joined by several other first responders from other law enforcement and rescue organizations; and

WHEREAS, dedicated members of the Forest Preserves Department of Law Enforcement worked cooperatively and tirelessly for days in the search and recovery mission including patrolling the river and using search canines in and around the Des Plaines River until, despite their diligent efforts, the search tragically ended on Thursday, May 18, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County do hereby recognize each of the following members of the Forest Preserves' Department of Law Enforcement for their determined service and dedication to duty.

Chief Kelvin Pope
Commander Anthony Rapacz
Deputy Commander Martin Hasler
Deputy Commander Alfred Perales
Sergeant Kendra Favela
Sergeant Craig Gehring
Sergeant Alvina Ponder
Sergeant Maninder Sangha
Sergeant Fred Schmid
K-9 Officer Darrin Jackson
K-9 Rocco
Detective Roberto Gonzalez
Detective Lauren Lentini
Field Training Officer Garnette Brown

Field Training Officer Ryan Harter
Police Officer Jimmy Jesse Carrillo
Police Officer Daisy Castildo
Police Officer Otearle Coleman
Police Officer Quinten Crabtree
Police Officer Devin Ennis
Police Officer Bobby Garza
Police Officer Rosalyn Hill
Police Officer Andy Kraly
Police Officer Shawn McCormick
Police Officer Jonathan Simmons
Police Officer Mark Tomasik
Police Officer Anthony Warrior

Former Chief John Roberts
Former Deputy Commander Michael Albrecht
Former K-9 Officer Gregory Serratore
Former K-9 Drago

Former Police Officer Jerome Ficcaro
Former Police Officer Ernesto Perez
Former Probationary Police Officer Jesus Sanchez

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution be presented to each of the aforementioned members of the Forest Preserves' Department of Law Enforcement.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE JOHN G. SHEDD AQUARIUM IN ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the John G. Shedd Aquarium is a world-renowned aquarium, research and conservation institution, and Chicagoland destination that partners and collaborates with the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this partnership and collaboration reflects a commitment to improving the health of our local waters, our native flora and fauna and a recognition of the importance of actively engaging Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Shedd Aquarium has partnered with the Forest Preserves to engage hundreds of local teens to learn and care about the Forest Preserves via stewardship and litter clean-up activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Shedd Aquarium partnership expanded with the creation of the “Amphibians” exhibit; where global and local amphibians and the Forest Preserves were highlighted, raising the profile of these important assets to Shedd visitors; and

WHEREAS, Shedd Aquarium created “Bringing Light to Amphibians”, a 5-minute video that celebrates local amphibians and the importance to steward and protect their habitats; the video has been viewed by audiences around the region; and

WHEREAS, Shedd Aquarium, as part of their “Great Lakes Action Days” initiative, has adopted three Forest Preserves’ sites intersecting three waterways: McClaughrey Springs Woods and Mill Creek Stream; Somme Woods and the North Branch of the Chicago River; and Bob Mann Woods and Salt Creek Stream; and

WHEREAS, Shedd Aquarium has made a significant effort and organizational investment to engage communities in stewardship along our local waterways by hosting stewardship volunteer days and engaging thousands of volunteers, who are contributing thousands of volunteer hours to the Forest Preserves on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Shedd Aquarium engages the public in stewardship practices including invasive species removal, seed collection and community science activities such as water quality monitoring and amphibian monitoring, which encourages learning and caring about our local natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Shedd Aquarium shares the Forest Preserves’ commitment to protect the integrity of the natural environment and wildlife from litter and pollution, and its “Shedd the Straw” campaign is a commendable effort to encourage businesses and government entities to commit to provide biodegradable straws upon request, discontinue use of plastic straws, and to promote sustainable benefits of reducing single-use plastic pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County thank and congratulate the trustees, staff, and supporters of the John G. Shedd Aquarium for their commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves and the natural treasures of the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Shedd Aquarium as a token of appreciation for its service to the Forest Preserves and residents of Cook County.