



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

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**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**NO PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO TAKE UP CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dennis Deer, to suspend the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dennis Deer, this was approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0404](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING MISERICORDIA, CLEARBROOK, AND THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY FOR RECEIVING AWARDS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICIALS: THE REMOVING BARRIERS AWARD FOR ALL THREE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD FOR THE FOREST PRESERVES**

**WHEREAS**, in May 2021 the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”) received two awards from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials’ annual awards program which recognizes and honors excellence in county, regional and special district level parks and recreation throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves’ Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (“REDI”) Committee received the Social Justice Award, which honors a regional system that has served as a change agent and made a tangible impact by prioritizing a culture of equity and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the REDI Committee was recognized as a workplace initiative that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to social justice through leadership and collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, since its formation in 2018, the REDI Committee has been guided by Professor Kathleen Yang Clayton and Adam Slade at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the REDI Committee focuses on analyzing and understanding internal agency challenges and barriers in order to implement solutions based on racial equity, and works to educate employees on how to practice racial equity in the workplace and restructure internal processes to reflect the Forest Preserves’ values of equity and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves’ Wildlife Connections Ambassadors program received the Removing Barriers Award which recognizes a unique program or facility that enables and encourages greater participation in parks and recreation by persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, launched in 2019, Wildlife Connections Ambassadors is a partner-based work experience program with Misericordia, Heart of Mercy, Clearbrook and the Forest Preserves’ River Trail Nature Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the program was created with help from the Chicago Zoological Society to develop opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to deliver nature programming to school groups and visitors, bridging the gap between science and social-emotional learning standards, with participants taught how to engage with visitors and school groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the program has created an inclusive, supportive and nurturing community, placing persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in positions of leadership; encourages independence and confidence for those participants; and allows for positive interactions with visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners thank and congratulate the Forest Preserves’ staff and program partners for their work on both the REDI Committee and Wildlife Connections Ambassadors, and for being recognized by the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 21-0404. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0405](#)

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DR. STUART D. STRAHL ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate Dr. Stuart D. Strahl on his retirement as President and CEO of the Chicago Zoological Society after 18 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Strahl has served as the Chicago Zoological Society’s President and CEO since 2003, guiding the Society in its mission to inspire conservation leadership by engaging people and communities with wildlife and nature; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Strahl received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Bates College, his Ph.D.

in Biology from the State University of New York at Albany, and a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Dominican University; he also has considerable background in higher education instruction, having served as adjunct faculty at the University of Florida, State University of New York and Washington College, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Strahl is a well-respected author and distinguished lecturer, the principal author of numerous scientific and popular publications, and has served for over 10 years as the founding Chair of the IUCN/SSC Specialist Group on the Avian Family Cracidae; and

**WHEREAS**, a career conservationist with 35 years' experience in applied science, restoration ecology, public policy, and not-for-profit management, Dr. Strahl is experienced in bringing together diverse interests around conservation causes; Dr. Strahl began his career as a field biologist and later was founding Director of Latin American Programs for the Wildlife Conservation Society, where his lasting partnerships in the U.S. and Latin America resulted in preservation of over 30 million acres of wildlife habitat and over \$18 billion in conservation funding; and prior to arriving at the Chicago Zoological Society, as founding President/CEO of Audubon of Florida, Dr. Strahl led the National Audubon Society into prominence as the acknowledged private-sector leader in the largest ecological restoration initiative in history, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Strahl has served on numerous boards and appointed commissions; including, among others, as a member of the boards of directors of the Society for Conservation Biology, Vital Ground Foundation, and Pickering Creek Audubon Center of the Chesapeake Audubon Society; an Elective Member of the American Ornithologists' Union; and a Professional Member of the Boone and Crockett Club; and

**WHEREAS**, as President and CEO, Dr. Strahl led the creation of the Chicago Zoological Society's new Centers of Excellence - the Center for the Science of Animal Care & Welfare, enhancing high-level animal care in zoos by applying a broad range of sciences to evaluate and improve animal well-being; and the Center for Conservation Leadership, which serves as a nexus for coordinating fieldwork, zoo-based education, and outreach to change the world by inspiring and engaging as many conservation leaders as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Zoological Society is world-renowned as a leader in animal welfare and veterinary care, and produces award-winning conservation programs for people of all abilities; under Dr. Strahl's direction, the Society has developed new and innovative exhibits as well as enduring partnerships that provide service to urban communities of color, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and other populations; and

**WHEREAS**, 2021 marks the 100-year anniversary of the creation of the Chicago Zoological Society, the non-profit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo; and, during his time as CEO, Dr. Strahl strengthened this enduring public-private partnership by helping to shape and advance a common recreational, educational and conservation mission; serving on the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission and Steering Committee, proposing bold actions to make the region a national leader in urban conservation;

and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to connect communities across the region with nature and wildlife, Dr. Strahl encouraged the distribution of millions of free zoo admission passes in under-resourced communities, and fostered the creation of an Animal Ambassador program, which brings the zoo’s animals outside the park to meet with community members who would not otherwise be able to visit the zoo; and

**WHEREAS**, as a passionate advocate for veterans and their families, Dr. Strahl developed strong partnerships with local VA Hospitals and veteran groups, including Wounded Warrior Project which holds an annual Soldier Ride at Brookfield Zoo; under Dr. Strahl’s direction, to honor their service, the admissions fee to the zoo became free for all active, reservist, and retired members of the military; and

**WHEREAS**, during Dr. Strahl’s tenure, Brookfield Zoo welcomed its 150,000,000th guest, and was the most popular paid cultural attraction in the Midwest; it also became the first zoo in the world to receive Humane Certified designation from American Humane for its exemplary animal care and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Brookfield Zoo’s campus grew and modernized under Dr. Strahl, fulfilling aspects of a strategic plan focused on animal welfare and engagement of diverse communities; historical exhibits were transformed into Great Bear Wilderness and Regenstein Wolf Woods, showcasing endangered species of North America; the Children’s Zoo became Hamill Family Wild Encounters, highlighting opportunities to get up close and personal with nature; the original Reptile House was transformed into the Mary Ann MacLean Conservation Leadership Center, housing all of the zoo’s educational outreach programs; and the Pavilions and Hamill Family Nature Plaza were newly constructed to provide spaces for guests to relax during their trip to the zoo; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Strahl reinforced the Chicago Zoological Society’s commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access by implementing comprehensive programs for audience diversity, vendor diversity, and workforce and workplace diversity and inclusion, to make Brookfield Zoo an even more welcoming destination for all visitors and to connect people of all backgrounds with conservation through cutting-edge, inclusive programs and experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, under Dr. Strahl’s leadership, the Chicago Zoological Society received over 60 awards from local, national and international organizations for its educational and conservation programs, inclusive practices, and business acumen; including the Institute of Museum and Library Services’ National Medal for Museum Service, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ Angela Petersen Excellence in Diversity Award and Community Engagement Award for the King Conservation Leadership Academy, the Illinois Association of Museums’ Large Institution of the Year award, the Illinois Department of Human Services’ Distinguished Service Award for employment of individuals with disabilities, and the Fuller Park Neighborhood Development Corporation’s Community Partner of the Year award, among many others; and

**WHEREAS**, as an avid outdoorsman, Dr. Strahl and his family enjoy exploring remote natural areas, and look forward to spending more time in the wilderness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Dr. Stuart Strahl for his dedication, service, and enormous contribution as President and CEO of the Chicago Zoological Society, and wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Stuart Strahl as a token of appreciation for his immense work for the Chicago Zoological Society and with the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 21-0405. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0406](#)

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS,** the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners is pleased to commemorate the centennial of the Chicago Zoological Society, the non-profit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo on land owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1920, philanthropist Edith Rockefeller McCormick donated 83 acres of land to the Forest Preserves of Cook County under the stipulation that the land be used to create a modern zoological park; and

**WHEREAS,** the Forest Preserves then convened a “Committee on Zoological Gardens,” which spent 3 years studying the exhibits, governance structure, funding methods, maintenance costs and administration structure in zoological gardens across the county; and

**WHEREAS,** after much study of similar arrangements adopted by large zoological organizations, the Committee recommended the creation of the Chicago Zoological Society, formed of representative citizens of Cook County, to plan, build and operate the zoo; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Zoological Society was officially chartered on February 7, 1921, and its members included prominent civic and business leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Brookfield Zoo subsequently opened to the public in 1934, and has evolved into a hub of scientific research, conservation education, and inspiration for generations of conservation leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, the Chicago Zoological Society has been a beacon of innovation and home to many firsts in the United States, including the first zoo to exhibit giant pandas, and the first to welcome the successful births of a black rhinoceros, okapi and southern hairy-nosed wombat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Zoological Society is also celebrating 100 years of successful partnership with the Forest Preserves of Cook County; thanks to this lasting cooperation, the Society and the Forest Preserves will continue to inspire conservation leadership and provide for the education and recreation of the public now and in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the Chicago Zoological Society on its centennial and its long and successful partnership with the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Chicago Zoological Society in recognition of its 100 years as a global leader in conservation education, wildlife research and animal welfare.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 21-0406. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0415](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY RECEIPT OF THE URBAN NIGHT SKY PLACE DESIGNATION OF ITS PALOS PRESERVE REGION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, in August of 2021, the Forest Preserves' Palos Preserves region, consisting of approximately 6,600 acres colloquially referred to as Mt. Forest Island, was officially certified an Urban Night Sky Place by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA); and

**WHEREAS**, designation of this region as an Urban Night Sky Place is only the third such designation to have been made by IDA to date, and is the largest designated Urban Night Sky Place in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, an IDA Urban Night Sky Place is a municipal park, open space, observing site, or other similar property near or surrounded by a large urban place, whose planning and design actively promote an authentic nighttime experience in the midst of significant artificial light; and

**WHEREAS**, this designation was made possible with the partnership of the Adler Planetarium which spent over 200 hours partnering with the Forest Preserves: (1) to strategically help reduce the Forest Preserves' nighttime light pollution; (2) to educate staff and the public about the Dark Skies; and (3) to assist the Forest Preserves in applying for the International Dark Sky Association's Urban Night Sky Designation; and

**WHEREAS**, this Urban Night Sky Place designation supports the Forest Preserves' Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan's call to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and to protect its native ecosystems and wildlife as a changing climate continues to impact the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the Adler Planetarium and the Forest Preserves' Green Sustainability Committee for helping the Forest Preserves' Palos Preserve region to receive the Urban Night Sky Place designation by the International Dark Sky Association; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the President of the Adler Planetarium, the Senior Manager of the Far Horizons Program of the Adler Planetarium, and the leaders of the Forest Preserves' Green Sustainability Committee, as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 21-0415. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0416](#)



**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY’S PARTNERSHIP WITH ADLER PLANETARIUM, A WORLD-RENOWNED PLANETARIUM, RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION AND CHICAGOLAND DESTINATION**

**WHEREAS**, the partnership between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) and the Adler Planetarium reflects a shared commitment to protect our local ecosystems, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to connect people to nature and the remarkable universe we all share; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2018, the Adler Planetarium has spent over 200 hours partnering with the Forest Preserves: (1) to reduce the Forest Preserves’ nighttime light pollution; (2) to educate staff and the public about the importance of dark skies; and (3) to assist the Forest Preserves in its pursuit of the International Dark Sky Association’s Urban Night Sky Designation for one of its preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, nighttime light pollution in Cook County renders invisible thousands of twinkling stars, contributes to global warming, negatively impacts human health and wildlife, and contributes to birds becoming disoriented during migrations and colliding with buildings, making Chicago one of the most dangerous place in the United States for birds according to a 2019 study from Cornell University’s Lab of Ornithology; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adler Planetarium helped the Forest Preserves perform lighting and window upgrades throughout its facilities and parking lots, trained Forest Preserve staff on light monitoring protocols, and collected night light readings across the Forest Preserves in an effort to reduce light pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adler Planetarium has helped the Forest Preserves: (1) grow its community science and outreach efforts by exploring the effects of light pollution on breeding populations of frogs and toads with the Preserves’ “Calling Frog Survey” program; and (2) brought Adler’s “Far Horizon Teen Program” into the Forest Preserves for programming and educational sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, in August of 2021 the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) officially certified the Forest Preserves’ Palos Preserves region, approximately 6,600 acres colloquially referred to as Mt. Forest Island, as an Urban Night Sky Place; a designation awarded to a municipal park, open space, observing site, or other similar property near or surrounded by a large urban place, whose planning and design actively promote an authentic nighttime experience in the midst of significant artificial light; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves’ Palos Preserves region is the largest designated Urban Night Sky

Place in the world and is only the third such designation made by the IDA; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDA Urban Night Sky Place designation of the Forest Preserves' Palos Preserves region would not have been possible without the Adler Planetarium's generous, supportive and enthusiastic collaboration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners thank the Adler Planetarium, for their commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves and for helping the Forest Preserves Palos Preserve region receiving the Urban Night Sky Place designation by the International Dark Sky Association; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the President of the Adler Planetarium and the Senior Manager of the Far Horizons Program at the Adler Planetarium, as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 21-0416. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0427](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGREN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALBERT PRITCHETT, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Albert (Al) Pritchett Jr., a devoted family man and accomplished pioneer in African-American governmental leadership in numerous governments in Cook County, has been taken from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Al Pritchett was born in Crawfordsville, Arkansas on September 18, 1932, the oldest of four children, to Albert Sr. and Rebecca Pritchett. In 1936 the family moved to Chicago, settling on 38th and Indiana Avenue. Albert began his education at Wendell Phillips Elementary School and continued at Wendell Phillips High School where he excelled in the classroom and in sports, lettering in track and field and football; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating High School in 1950, Al matriculated at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he continued to exude academic excellence and athletic prowess, graduating in June of 1955. Al Pritchett was drafted into the US Navy later that year and, while home on leave, he married the love of his life, Gloria Fay Hunter, on June 1, 1957. Their union would last 64 years and would see the birth of their daughters Jeanette Marie and Valerie Ann; and

**WHEREAS**, Al possessed a deep love and affection for family, which was displayed endlessly when imparting wisdom and guidance to his grandchildren: Aja Monique Brown, Rebeka Leigh Thomas, Komae Julian Brown, Vivian Marie Thomas, Kaela Simone Brown, and Elan Michele Brown, (In-Law) Jonathan A. Thomas, Jillian A. Thomas & Jason A. Thomas, and his great-grandchildren: Kamyra Marie-Julianne Brown, Braylen Perez Daniels, Kamora Leanne Brown, Bryson Perez Daniels, and Komae Julian Brown Jr., and

**WHEREAS**, Al Pritchett would begin a more than 40-year career of public service in 1958 with the Chicago Park District; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1966 under Mayor Richard J. Daley, Albert Pritchett helped to rebuild and revitalize many neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago during his work as Deputy Director for the Near South Area with the Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity (CCUO). In 1972, Al Pritchett began a positive working relationship between the City of Chicago and local social service agencies when

he became the Director of Delegate Agency Services for the City of Chicago's Model Cities Program -- a forerunner of the current City of Chicago Department of Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1975, Al Pritchett became the Acting Director of the newly-merged Model Cities/CCUO office, where he was responsible for the overall direction and administration of Chicago's comprehensive human service agency which had relationships with 300 delegate agencies and over 1000 program components; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, Chicago Mayor Michael Bilandic appointed Al Pritchett to the position of Special Assistant to the Mayor, where he coordinated the human service activities of several departments on behalf of the Mayor; and in 1979, he was appointed to the position of Assistant Director of the City of Chicago Department of Public Safety, where he helped City departments prepare swift and effective responses to emergencies and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, Al Pritchett would begin his service to the County of Cook in the office of Cook County Assessor Thomas C. Hynes as Chief Administrative Officer for the Assessor's Office, providing leadership to the employees of the office and assistance to taxpayers with concerns regarding their properties; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, Cook County Board President Richard J. Phelan would appoint Al Pritchett as Cook County Chief Administrative Officer of Cook County, the second person to hold that position, and the first African American to be appointed to this position in the County's history; and

**WHEREAS**, Albert Pritchett's tenure as Chief Administrative Officer would continue through the administration of President John H. Stroger, Jr., where he would play a key role in shaping policy on economic development, human service programs and veterans programs. He led efforts to bring 911 emergency telephone services to all of Cook County; coordinated Cook County's hosting of the 1993 National Association of Counties annual convention; strengthened the Chicago Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators; and advanced Cook County's adaptation of technology and consolidation of the downtown offices of Cook County Government. Al Pritchett's legacy as Chief Administrative Officer was one of fairness, loyalty, attention to detail, efficiency, a commitment to working together, and a dedication to effective government working on behalf of all residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Mr. Pritchett retired from Cook County Government until Cook County Board President John Stroger called upon Mr. Pritchett again in 2003 to serve as Interim Superintendent of the Forest Preserves. In 2006 Cook County Board President Bobbie L. Steele tapped Mr. Pritchett to serve as her Chief of Staff. Later, Mr. Pritchett accepted appointments to a number of boards and commissions that supported everything from the Forest Preserves to the Census count including serving as Chair of the Board of Directors, for the Forest Preserves Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, in retirement, Al Pritchett could enjoy time with the loves of his life-his family and the world of sports. There was time to travel to various parts of the world, to spend time with grandchildren and

great grandchildren and time to watch and discuss sports. He regularly attended world championship track and field meets with his wife Gloria and their friends; no distance was too far to travel to see a good meet. He was also an avid supporter of Chicago’s sports teams, holding season tickets at one time or another to the Bears, Bulls and White Sox; and

**WHEREAS**, at every level of government, from children and young people whom he mentored at the Park District to families and whole neighborhoods who sought the help of the Model Cities/CCUO Community Centers, to the staff persons he hired, Mr. Pritchett taught leadership skills and emphasized the importance of loyalty, honesty and dedication to getting the job done. Mr. Pritchett’s professional legacy is seen in the future success of those individuals who worked for him. Two of his personal staff as Chief Administrative Officer would go on to also become Chief Administrative Officer and another would become Secretary to the Cook County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, those who worked for him did so not in fear of him, but in fear of disappointing him; they would live by the Elbert Hubbard quote which was on the walls of every office he ever occupied:

*“If you work for a man, in Heaven’s name work for him! If he pays you wages that supply your bread and butter, work for him, stand by him, and stand by the institution he represents. If put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must vilify, condemn and eternally disparage - Resign your position”*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners honor the life of love and work led by Albert Pritchett, Jr; and that the Board thanks Gloria Fay Pritchett and her entire family for sharing the time of their husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather with Cook County Government-a place he made better for all of us.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 21-0427. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

**PRESIDENT**

[21-0431](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE FOREST PRESERVES TO ENTER INTO LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY**

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**AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF THE DES PLAINES TRAIL BRIDGE OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD NORTH OF GOLF ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has sought and been awarded the following: (1) Grade Crossing Protection Funds (“GCPF”) from the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”), a federally-funded program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”), and (2) Invest in Cook (“IIC”) funds from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“CCDOTH”), to facilitate engineering and construction of a multi-use bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad for the Des Plaines Trail (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, Phase II Engineering Services for the Project are projected to be \$317,296.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves anticipates the use of GCPF funds to cover \$136,296.00 and IIC funds to cover \$176,000.00 of the costs for Phase II Engineering Services to be provided in connection with the Project, resulting in a cost of \$5,000.01 to the Forest Preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to meet deadlines for use of the GCPF funds, it was advisable that a consulting engineering firm be employed to perform Phase II Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2020, the Board of Commissioners approved Terra Engineering, Ltd. (Board Item No. 20-0215) to perform Phase II Engineering Services with a contract value of \$292,296.01, which excludes a Preliminary Engineering Service Fee (for review of design plans) to be charged by Union Pacific Railroad not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requisite for IDOT to reimburse the Forest Preserves for its awarded Phase II engineering expenses related to the Project, IDOT requires a local public agency agreement to be in place between the Forest Preserves and IDOT.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves, through its President, to enter into a local public agency agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”), committing the Forest Preserves to pay up to \$136,296.00 for Phase II Engineering Services costs associated with the Project which will be reimbursed by IDOT; and requiring the Forest Preserves to pay the balance of Phase II engineering costs estimated at \$181,000.01, with \$176,000.00 of this balance to be reimbursed under a separate Invest In Cook (“IIC”) grant from CCDOTH; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, if required to complete the Project, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves, through its General Superintendent, to enter directly into a contract with Union Pacific Railroad for preliminary engineering services for the Project for up to \$25,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms that sufficient funds are available in the Forest

Preserves Professional Services 51009.520830 and Grant 51010.520830 accounts, and have been designated, to pay the total cost of Phase II Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$317,296.01, of which IDOT will reimburse \$136,296.00 and the CCDOTH will reimburse \$176,000.00, and the Forest Preserves ultimately shall be responsible for up to \$5,000.01 of the Phase II Engineering costs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of the local public agency agreement (entitled, “Local Public Agency Agreement”), when executed in its respective final form, shall be submitted to IDOT for approval and final processing.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0431. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Aguilar, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)
- Present:** Anaya (1)
- Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

**COMMISSIONERS**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[21-0354](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Schiller Park (“Schiller Park”)

**Request:** Authority to enter into an agreement and make payment of local grant match funds to Schiller Park.

**Goods or Services:** Phase II Engineering Services for Trail Improvements and new trail connections on the Des Plaines River Trail between Lawrence Avenue and Irving Park Road near Schiller Park, Illinois.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Date of Execution to 12/31/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** \$32,225.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51029.520830 and 51009.520830

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is working with several municipalities to improve ten (10) miles of the Des Plaines River Trail from North Avenue to Touhy Avenue. Schiller Park is one of three municipalities that submitted grant applications to support engineering design of improvements to the northern four (4) miles. Schiller Park submitted a grant application to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement (“ITEP”) grant for Phase II engineering for the trail segment closest to Schiller Park (north of Irving Park Road to Lawrence Avenue) which was recently approved. Schiller Park advised the Forest Preserves that Schiller Park needs support to pay the local match required by the grant.

As the local sponsor, Schiller Park will be responsible for contracting for Phase II engineering work at an estimated cost of \$321,800.00. IDOT will reimburse Schiller Park for 90% up to a maximum of \$289,575.00 (including 50% of the required local match). The Forest Preserves is seeking authority to reimburse Schiller Park for the balance of the required 10% local match, not to exceed \$32,225.00.

Phase II design work is expected to be completed by fall of 2022. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0354. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0369](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development



**Other Part(ies):** The Village of Skokie, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Skokie (“Skokie”).

**Goods or Services:** The proposed amendment would authorize approximately 12,000 square feet (0.3 acres) of additional pervious pavement to a previously approved parking lot that provides access to the North Branch Trail System and visitor parking for the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center (the “Museum”). The amendment also provides for payment of tree mitigation fees and an additional one-time payment for ecological restoration or pavement reduction in nearby forest preserves.

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The proposed amendment is revenue generating, with a one-time upfront payment of \$10,000.00 for ecological restoration or pavement reduction, due at the time of execution of the amendment.

Payment of tree mitigation fees pursuant to the Tree Mitigation Plan in effect in 2019 will also be required for removal of up to thirteen (13) trees with total estimated tree mitigation fees of \$16,955.75.

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The Village of Skokie is proposing to add up to 12,000 square feet (0.3 acres) of pervious pavement within the perimeter of a parking area that was previously licensed to Skokie by the Forest Preserves via a 2003 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). The number of visitors to the Museum has increased and there is limited space to expand east of Woods Drive due to the Edens Expressway.

Skokie has agreed to pay tree mitigation fees for removal of up to thirteen (13) trees, including mulberry, black cherry and other non-oak species ranging in size from 4.5 inch-diameter at breast height to 15 inches. Two larger (18”) red oak trees just outside the new pavement area would be protected during construction. Skokie has agreed to an additional one-time payment of \$10,000.00 for ecological restoration or pavement reduction in nearby forest preserves.

Skokie has also agreed to install new signage approved by the Forest Preserves to inform patrons of access to the nearby North Branch Trail and Harms Flatwoods Nature Preserve. Finally, the amendment would document the desire of the parties to abandon plans for the development of a soccer field on Forest Preserves land that has since been designated as part of the Harms Flatwoods Nature Preserve and to prohibit any further expansion of the parking lot. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0369. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0425](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** Friends of the Forest Preserves received an \$196,000.00 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Chi-Cal River Program in support of Centennial Volunteers Network, an initiative that recruits volunteers and supports leaders dedicated to restoring habitat in the North Branch and Calumet regions, including Beaubien Woods, Whistler Woods, Kickapoo Woods, Blue Star Memorial Woods, Bunker Hill North Flatwoods, and Watersmeet Woods. Friends of the Forest Preserves, Friends of the Chicago River, and the Forest Preserves have been collaborating on the Centennial Volunteers initiative since 2013.

**Contract period:** 9/28/2020 (retroactive) - 12/31/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The Forest Preserves will provide up to \$34,000.00 in in-kind staff support and use of Volunteer Resources equipment.

**Account(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 4, 5, 9, 13, 14

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0425. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0367](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION**

**Department(s):** Department of Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** Baker Tilly US, LLP, Chicago, Illinois (formerly Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP)

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase a contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Fiscal Year Audit Services for 2021

**Original Contract Period:** 11/1/2017 - 10/31/2020, with two (2) one-year extension options; Administrative Extension 11/1/2020 - 11/16/2020; Board Approved Extension 11/17/2020 - 10/31/2021

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2022

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$314,655.00

**Original Approval:** \$206,070.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$20,600.00, \$87,985.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$85,040.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021 \$0.00, FY 2022 \$85,040.00

**Accounts:** Audit Services 51001.520895

**Contract Number(s):** #74000002798 issued under RFP# 17-20-101

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Contract #74000002798 issued under RFP #17-20-101 consists of providing auditing services for the Forest Preserves to complete its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and additional auditing services as needed. Previously, following the Forest Preserves RFP process the selection committee determined that Baker Tilly US, LLP (formerly Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP) was the most qualified respondent. The Forest Preserves is requesting to exercise the second of two (2) one-year contract extension options.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0367. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0401](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** AltusWorks, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Architectural services for roof and masonry repairs and replacements at various locations throughout Cook County

**Original Contract Period:** 9/23/2019 - 9/22/2020; Administrative Extension 9/23/2020 - 9/22/2021

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/23/2021 - 9/22/2022

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$130,031.00

**Original Approval:** 9/23/2019, \$123,425.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 1/30/2020, \$6,606.00

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** #74000006793 issued for Project #19-80-39

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable for this amendment as there is no increased fiscal impact.

**District(s):** 6, 10, 13, 15, 17

**Summary:** Contract #74000006793 issued for Project #19-80-39 consists of providing professional services for the development and oversight of various construction projects. Additional time is required to complete the scope of this professional services agreement that was initially awarded through a formal RFP. Construction bid documents for five (5) roof replacements and five (5) masonry repair projects have been completed but construction remains at one (1) of the roof replacement locations at the Forest Preserves Southeast Police Headquarters in the Thorn Creek area. Additional time is needed to allow AltusWorks, Inc. to complete construction oversight at this last location.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0401. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0432](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Request:** Approve

**Item Number:** 21-0355

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

**Original Text of Item:**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE FOREST PRESERVES' EQUITY, CULTURAL SENSITIVITY, AND INCLUSION SITE NAME TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") and Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") recognize that names are an important part of creating a sense of place and belonging and that names may have powerful and positive meaning for people and provide opportunities to promote community harmony; and

**WHEREAS**, this body approved Resolution 17-0178 on September 11, 2018 to officially recognize and adopt names of Forest Preserves Lands and Amenities after a staff Naming Committee recommended correct and official names of all venues, following an exhaustive review to determine which names had been formally adopted by the Board in the past, were in common use, or had been abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, this body approved Resolution 19-0354 on September 24, 2019 to adopt a Permanent Naming Policy to help safeguard the Forest Preserves' prestige and heritage; provide guidance and direction in the naming and renaming of Forest Preserves properties, facilities, natural areas, and other public places; ensure an inclusive, consultative, and transparent naming and renaming process that will engage the public and stand the test of time; and to govern all permanent naming and renaming opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves has a mission and values committed to being accessible and welcoming to all people and is seeking to ensure that sites do not commemorate an event or an individual whose actions perpetuated inequalities or supported the marginalization of people based on race, color,

ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, religion, ability, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, or if the commemoration may be considered inappropriate or offensive; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby create the Forest Preserves’ Equity, Cultural Sensitivity, and Inclusion Site Name Advisory Task Force (the “ECSI Site Name Task Force”) that will support the review of Forest Preserves site names and will advance the Forest Preserves’ “Moving Towards Racial Equity” position paper adopted in July 2020 by this body; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ECSI Site Name Task Force shall meet as needed for one year and, with the assistance of Loyola University Chicago’s Public History Program, shall, within one year, provide a report that includes 284 Forest Preserves site names that have been reviewed with a racial equity, cultural sensitivity and inclusion lens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ECSI Site Name Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- a. The chair and vice-chair of the Board Real Estate Committee;
- b. The director and one (1) additional faculty member from the Public History Program at Loyola University Chicago;
- c. One (1) member of the Forest Preserves Conservation and Policy Council to be appointed by the chair of the Conservation and Policy Council;
- d. The two (2) co-chairs of the Forest Preserves Naming Committee;
- e. Two (2) members of the Forest Preserves Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Committee to be named by the General Superintendent;
- f. One (1) member that sits on both the Forest Preserves’ Naming and REDI Committees to be appointed by the General Superintendent;
- g. One (1) representative from the Friends of the Forest Preserves to be appointed by the executive director of Friends of the Forest Preserves;
- h. One (1) representative from the Illinois Environmental Council to be appointed by the executive director of the Illinois Environmental Council; ~~and~~
- i. One (1) representative from the Board or staff of the Forest Preserve Foundation to be appointed by the chair of the Forest Preserve Foundation Board of Directors; and,
- j. Up to three (3) additional representatives with appropriate experience in culture, history, natural history, sociology, urban planning, urban studies, or public policy to be appointed by the General Superintendent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the chair of the Real Estate Committee and the appointee by the chair of the Conservation and Policy Council shall serve as co-chairs of the ECSI Site Name Task Force.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0432. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0407](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009626 issued under Project #21-52-101 (Rebid) consists of providing and servicing of portable toilets in locations in Region 1 (Northwest Region). Service Sanitation, Inc. was the only responsible bidder.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/13/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Service Sanitation, Inc.	\$312,420.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$312,420.00

**Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

**District:** 1, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.



The contract-specific Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0407. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Present:** Anaya (1)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0409](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009627 issued under Project #21-52-102 (Rebid) consists of providing and servicing of portable toilets in locations in Region 2 (North Region). Service Sanitation, Inc. was the only responsible bidder.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/13/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Service Sanitation, Inc.	\$281,100.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$281,100.00

**Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

**District:** 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The contract-specific Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0409. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Present:** Anaya (1)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0410](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009628 issued under Project #21-52-103 (Rebid) consists of providing and servicing of portable toilets in locations in Region 3 (Southwest Region). Service Sanitation, Inc. was the only responsible bidder.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/13/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Service Sanitation, Inc.	\$300,900.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$300,900.00

**Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

**District:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The contract-specific Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0410. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Present:** Anaya (1)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0411](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009629 issued under Project #21-52-104 (Rebid) consists of providing and servicing of portable toilets in locations in Region 4 (Southeast Region). Service Sanitation, Inc. was the only responsible bidder.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/13/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Service Sanitation, Inc.	\$222,780.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$222,780.00

**Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

**District:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11

**\Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The contract-specific Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0411. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Present:** Anaya (1)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0417](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with CPMH Construction, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for a hydrologic repair project at Tinley Creek Ravines.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009631 issued under Project #21-31-101 Tinley Creek Ravines Hydrologic Repairs. The work includes, but is not limited to, installation of a stormwater control structure and drainage basin, berm construction, a series of stone check dams, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications. The purpose of the project is to reduce erosion and degradation of sensitive ravine topographies, and to restore hydrologic function to the site.

Construction will be entirely funded through licensing fees received from the Village of Oak Lawn and other Municipal Customers of the Oak Lawn Regional Water System related to the installation of a water transmission main in the Tinley Creek Preserves (Board Item No. 15-0201).

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/18/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. CPMH Construction	\$201,697.75
2. Enlight Contracting, LLC	\$221,026.00
3. Semper Fi Land Services, Inc.	\$299,844.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$201,697.75, the entirety of which will be paid for utilizing licensing fees for utility installations on Forest Preserves property received from the Village of Oak Lawn and other Municipal Customers of the Oak Lawn Regional Water System.

**Contract Period:** Two hundred seventeen (217) days from notice to proceed

**Account Name/Number:** Grant and Mitigation 51010.520840

**District:** 17

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0417. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0423](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Groundskeeper Landscape Care, primary place of business Orland Park, Illinois, for tree removals in and adjacent to Thatcher Woods.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009630 issued under Project #21-31-105 Thatcher Area Tree Removals consists of the removal of five hundred and twenty-eight (528) trees and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications between Belmont Avenue and Madison Street along the Des Plaines River. Trees will primarily be removed in high public interface areas including along trails, groves, and roadways.

This vendor has been awarded more than \$150,000.00 in fiscal year 2021, therefore, the contract is being presented to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval per the Forest Preserves’ Procurement Code.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/25/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Groundskeeper Landscape Care	\$129,550.00
2. Trees R Us, Inc.	\$184,112.00
3. Homer Tree Service, Inc.	\$234,157.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$129,550.00

**Contract Period:** Sixty (60) working days from issuance of purchase order

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51030.520840

**District:** 1, 9, 16

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0423. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0436](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** Enlight Contracting, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services to improve transportation at various sites.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$253,324.39

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund 51029.560060

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009069 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C2

**District(s):** 9, 14

**Summary:** Payment for construction services associated with transportation improvements at Irving Park Canoe Landing in Schiller Park, Sunset Bridge Meadow in River Grove, Harms Woods Central, Harms Woods North and Blue Star Memorial Woods in Glenview pursuant to a contract approved by the Board of Commissioners on 5/11/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0246).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0436. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0437](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** Matthew Paving, Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services to improve transportation at various sites.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$237,195.51

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund 51029.560060

**Contract Number(s):** #74000008960 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C1

**District(s):** 9, 14, 17

**Summary:** Payment for construction services associated with transportation improvements at Campground Road Woods in Des Plaines, Northwestern Woods in Des Plaines, Potawatomi Woods in Northbrook, and River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook pursuant to contract approved by the Board of Commissioners on 4/13/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0222).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0437. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences



[21-0420](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the “CAFR”)

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2020

**Summary:** The CAFR has been prepared by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2020. The report has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board and audited by a firm of independent auditors retained by the Forest Preserves.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0420 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0440](#)

**Presented by:** MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** FY’21 3rd Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

**Report Period:** September 2021

**Summary:** Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0440 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2 ) excused absences

[21-0413](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

**Report Period:** 1/1/2021 - 7/31/2021

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for July 2021.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0413. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0414](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 6/1/2021 - 7/31/2021

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of June and July 2021. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0414. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0424](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Reports (June 2021 and July 2021)

**Report Period:** 6/1/2021 - 7/31/2021

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the months of June and July of 2021. Payments total \$149,309.27 for June 2021 and \$99,174.29 for July 2021.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0424. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0429](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -7/27/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$2,603,912.63

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$434,253.23

Legal Fees for 7/27/2021 to Be Approved: \$84,301.79

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0429. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0443](#)

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 7/27/2021.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0443. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0430](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

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**Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 9/20/2021 - 10/5/2021**

**Please bring a facemask to Forest Preserves events and activities. Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, [www.fpdcc.com/events](http://www.fpdcc.com/events), for updates and changes.**

**Tuesday, 9/21; 5pm**

**Forest Therapy Walk, Catherine Chevalier Woods, Chicago**

Forest therapy opens the gateway for creativity and a deepened relationship with self and the natural world. Treat yourself to an encounter with nature that will awaken your senses and renew your bonds with the Preserves. Led by certified Forest Therapy Guide. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Wednesday, 9/22; 8:30pm**

**Autumn Equinox Hike and Folktale, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for an evening hike to celebrate the equinox while listening to a folktale recited by a librarian from LaGrange Park Library. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708- 839-6897.*

**Wednesday, 9/22; 10am**

**Composites of the Prairie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The third full week of September is Prairie Week in the Prairie State. Celebrate this dynamic ecosystem at Sagawau from Sunday, September 19 through Saturday, September 25. Sunflowers, goldenrods, and asters, oh my! Composites are making their appearance in the prairie. Step into the lab to learn the complexities of these plants. Afterwards, join us for an identification hike. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

**Wednesday, 9/22; 4pm - 5:30pm; 6pm - 7:30pm**

**Family Pond Paddle, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Families enjoy an evening out paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at the Trailside Museum of Natural History. Instruction, sanitized equipment, and kayaks provided. *Meet in the parking lot. Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-533-5751.*

**Friday, 9/24; 7pm**

**River Trail Nightlife: Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about nocturnal animals and more on a guided hike. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Friday, 9/24; 8:30am**

**History & Photography Walk, Chicago Portage National Historic Site, Forest View**

Grab your camera and get ready to learn the history of this unique site! Expect a guided walk with stopping points along the way to discuss the history of the site and to snap some pictures. Cameras not required. All ages. *Registration and facemasks required. For more information, call 312-533-5751.*

**Saturday, 9/25 Party for the Preserves: A Celebration of Public Lands Day**

The Forest Preserves celebrates Public Lands Day with a variety of activities including SOLO (Select Organized Litter Obliterators) clean up. SOLO supplies are available for pick-up from 9-4pm at all six nature centers and at Camp Bullfrog Lake from 4-8pm. Additionally we have activities at other locations throughout the day with a free evening celebration at Camp Bullfrog Lake.

**Saturday, 9/25; 4pm - 8pm****Party for the Preserves Celebration, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Come on out and celebrate the Forest Preserves on National Public Lands Day at our annual party at Camp Bullfrog Lake! Festivities include: Paddling, Live Music, Guided Hikes, Night Sky Programming, Touch a Truck, and much more! *Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 10am****Party for the Preserves: Little Calumet River Paddle Wilderness Inquiry, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago**

Hop aboard a 10-person voyager canoe in partnership with Wilderness Inquiry to explore the Little Calumet River. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 9am****Party for the Preserves: Outdoor Yoga, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Join us for a free outdoor yoga classes surrounded by nature, for both experienced beginners and intermediate students. A variety of yoga postures, breathing exercises and meditation will be taught. The teacher will give guidance and options so all students can practice safely. Bring your mat and mask. Meet near Thatcher Woods Pavilion. *Ages 12 and up. Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 10am - 2pm****Party for the Preserves: Meet Nature Cat! Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and WTTW Kids!

Participate in a volunteer cleanup, explore newly designed exhibits, meet animal ambassadors, participate in artmaking, and create your own adventure in nature play areas! Nature Cat is made possible in part by the Van Eekeren family, founders of Land O' Frost. *This event is free. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 10am****Party for the Preserves: Prairie View, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The third full week of September is Prairie Week in the Prairie State. Celebrate this dynamic ecosystem at Sagawau from Sunday, September 19 through Saturday, September 25. Prairies are a vast habitat spreading throughout many public lands of the United States. These grasslands can grow in wet and dry conditions. Come to Sagawau to visit two types of prairies to learn their stories. Moderate 2-mile hike, unstable footing. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 1pm - 4pm****Party for the Preserves: Community Powwow, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Join us to celebrate Native American culture while recognizing the themes of 'Every Child Matters' and

National Public Lands Day. Enjoy traditional Powwow, native food, and listen to stories of culture from the area. Attendees are encouraged to wear orange. *All ages. For group registration or information, call 773-509-2344. Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 1pm****Party for the Preserves: Crabtree History, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Experience a walk-through time together as we discuss the early days and forming of Crabtree Nature Center. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 9/26; 11am****Early Autumn Nature Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for a guided nature walk along our trails as summer transitions to fall. We will see blooming fall wildflowers, the first changes in tree leaf color, and perhaps some migrating wildlife! *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 9/26; 1pm****Sagawau Art: Landscapes, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn how to compose a beautiful landscape with a scene at Sagawau. You will learn drawing and painting techniques incorporating depth and distance into your composition. *Ages 14 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

**Sunday, 9/26; 1pm****Fall Wildflower Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Why should spring wildflowers get all the love? Join us as we observe, enjoy, and learn about fall wildflowers on this fast-paced 3-mile walk. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 9/26; 1:30pm****Birds of Prey, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Meet one of our raptors and learn what makes these winged hunters so unique. *All ages. Facemasks required.*

**Wednesday, 9/29; 10am****Walk & Talk: Women's Walk at Thatcher Woods, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

In celebration of Women's National Health and Fitness Day, join us for a walk where we cover efforts by local female conservation leaders, and the work and discoveries they have made at Thatcher Woods. Walk and Talk Hikes are for the curious minds who want to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These hikes will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation. *Registration and facemasks required. For more information, call 312-533-5751.*

**Thursday, 9/30; 6pm (Zoom)****Be a Better Birder: Intro to Bird ID**

Join us as a representative from the Forest Preserves teaches you about birdwatching and how to spot the different species of birds that are native to Cook County. *Call 708-305-2168 to register.*

**Thursday, 9/30; 10am**

**Fall Fungi Identification Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join a naturalist on a casual hike as we look for examples of the various groups of fungi found in the Preserves. A special emphasis will be on key field characteristics. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Friday, 10/1; 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Nighttime Discovery Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park**

Join us for an evening of discovery as we celebrate the night sky! Hikes, activities, and crafts will be offered to help us better understand the wonders of the natural light from the moon and stars. Adler Planetarium will be out providing an opportunity for participants to view stars via telescope. *Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 10/2; 12pm - 4pm**

**Fall Paddle Festival, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield**

Embrace the fall season with nature-based activities on and off the water. We will have individual, tandem, and group canoe trips, guided hikes, youth and adult archery, pumpkin painting, nature play, s'mores, and more! In partnership with BackYard Nature Center. *Free. All ages. Registration and facemasks required. Call 224-456-8602.*

**Sunday, 10/3; 1pm**

**What is climate change? Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

In honor of Energy Efficiency Day October 6, through engaging displays and activities, we will answer the questions, 'What is climate?' 'What is changing it?' and 'How does the scientific community know?' *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

**Sunday, 10/3; 9am - 12pm**

**Bird Banding, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Watch science unfold as we catch birds, band, and release them. This way of studying birds helps us to understand their movements and how to conserve them. *Weather dependent. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0430. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

**ITEMS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE**

**RULES COMMITTEE**



[21-0391](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT****PARLIAMENTARY RULES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Sections 1-5-4, Subsection 4-1 of CHAPTER 5 - FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE of Title 1 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**1-5-4: PARLIAMENTARY RULES.**4-1. *Meeting.*

(a) The Board shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board.

(b) It shall be the duty of the President to call special meetings of the Board whenever such meetings are necessary in his or her opinion. The President must give no less than forty-eight (48) hours' advance written notice of such special meetings to the Commissioners and to the public.

(c) In the event that the President states that an emergency exists, the President may call a special meeting, providing twenty-four (24) hours' advance written notice to the Commissioners and to the public, unless not reasonable under the circumstances. In such case notice shall be given as soon as practicable. All emergency meetings shall be held at the County Seat, in the County Office Building, unless another place within the County shall be designated by the President or Board.

(d) Special meetings shall also be held whenever requested by at least one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the Commissioners (six (6) Commissioners). At least forty-eight (48) hours' advance written notice of such special meetings shall be given to the remaining Commissioners and the public.

(e) All notices of special meetings must include an agenda for such meeting, and such meeting shall be limited to the subjects and items specified in the call of the meeting. The notice of the call of the meeting shall be read at the beginning of the meeting.

(f) Special meetings shall be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., unless another hour is specified in the call.

(g) All regular meetings shall be held at the County Seat, in the County Office Building, unless another place within the County shall be designated by the Board.

(h) A regular or special meeting may be cancelled by the President by providing no less than twenty-four (24) hours' advance written notice that said meeting has been cancelled to the Commissioners and to the public.

(i) Remote meetings. All public meetings of the Board and its committees and subcommittees may be conducted by means of electronic, video, audio, or telephonic connection ("remote meeting") for the duration of the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, including any extensions thereto, related to COVID-19 or a public health crisis. A member who desires to attend and participate in a remote public meeting shall do so by the designated electronic means. For purposes of conducting a remote meeting, the terms "written", "in writing", "document", and "copy" in these rules includes printed or electronic means, and a rule that requires an instrument to be provided to the Board Secretary or a member or the meeting Chair may be satisfied by electronic transmission.

(j) Remote Participation in Meetings. At any meeting where a quorum of the body is physically present, a majority of the public body may vote to allow a member to participate and vote remotely (by audio or visual means) if the member is unable to be physically present due to:

1. A personal illness or disability;

2. Employment purposes or the business of the public body; or

3. A family or other emergency.

4. The member desiring to participate remotely gives notice to the Secretary of the Board no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting in case of personal illness or disability or employment purposes or business of the public body or as soon as practicable in the case of a family or other emergency.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 21-0391. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

[21-0262](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Independent Analysis of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department

**Report Period:** 10/19/2020 - 4/27/2021

**Summary:** In 2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a Request for Proposals and retained Hillard Heintze to analyze the Forest Preserves Police Department and recommend best practices to: (a) maintain and strengthen police and community relations, (b) create a work culture that is inclusive and equitable to all people, and (c) support a diverse police force through recruitment, retention and promotion. The independent analysis found that the Forest Preserves Police Department has a ready, willing and able workforce and that officers understand, appreciate and take pride in their department’s mission to make the Forest Preserves a safe place. The consultants also report that permit holders and other stakeholders generally have positive impressions of Forest Preserves police officers. However, a number of actions are needed to improve recruitment and retention, update policies and procedures, and to improve communication across ranks. The final report recommends best practices and includes a work plan, timetable and cost estimates for implementing the best practices, as well as tools to measure progress toward those goals. These recommendations will build upon recent efforts by the Forest Preserves to enhance police and community relations by training members of the department on implicit bias, purchasing body-worn cameras for officers, and adopting the Ten Shared Principles developed by the

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois NAACP to guide the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 21-0262. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

[21-0358](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain workspace within the Forest Preserves’ King’s Grove facility, 3302 Ashland Avenue, Steger, Illinois. Shared occupancy of this location facilitates collaboration between the Forest Preserves and the IDNR for mutual projects, particularly those focused on enforcement of conservation and species-protection laws. Forest Preserves Police regularly communicate, train, and consult with the IDNR’s Conservation Police to uphold state, county, and local laws related to the protection of our region’s natural resources. As part of this License, the IDNR’s Conservation Police will provide the Forest Preserves with targeted support for operations to reduce poaching and pollution in the Forest Preserves, and participate in two (2) special events annually.

**Term:** Date of execution through 12/31/2026, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**License Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

**License Application Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

Total one-time upfront fee of \$0.00 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** Work and storage space consisting of an office, washroom, locker room,

lunchroom, and garage at the King’s Grove facility, 3302 Ashland Avenue, Steger, Illinois.

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 6

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 21-0358. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

[21-0359](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain workspace within the Forest Preserves’ Sag Valley Police Headquarters facility, 12201 McCarthy Road, Palos Park, Illinois. Shared occupancy of this location facilitates collaboration between the Forest Preserves and the IDNR for mutual projects, particularly those focused on enforcement of conservation and species-protection laws. Forest Preserves Police regularly communicate, train, and consult with the IDNR’s Conservation Police to uphold state, county, and local laws related to the protection of our region’s natural resources. As part of this License, the IDNR’s Conservation Police will provide the Forest Preserves with targeted support for operations to reduce poaching and pollution in the Forest Preserves, and participate in two (2) special events annually.

**Term:** Date of execution through 12/31/2026, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**License Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

**License Application Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

Total one-time upfront fee of \$0.00 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** Designated office space and common areas at the Sag Valley Police Headquarters facility, 12201 McCarthy Road, Palos Park, Illinois.

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 17

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 21-0359. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dennis Deer, that this meeting adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Britton and Moore (2) excused absences

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynne M. Turner*

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Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.