



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

**Minutes of the Recreation and Engagement Committee**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**9:40 AM**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** S. Morrison, Stamps, Aguilar, Anaya, Miller, K. Morrison and Quezada (7)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Stamps, Aguilar, Anaya, Miller, K. Morrison and Quezada (7)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman S. Morrison asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-5-4.**

**No public speakers.**

[25-0063](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 01/23/2024

**A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to approve 25-0063. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Stamps, Aguilar, Anaya, Miller, K. Morrison and Quezada (7)

[24-0522](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT RECREATION & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PROGRAMMING**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County contains a rich of African American landmarks and historical programming such as Underground Railroad sites, African American Water Trail, Beaubien Youth Outdoor Ambassadors program and Juneteenth events to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District has long included African American history programming as part of its engagement and experiential learning activities with over \$125,000 spent on such activities and programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the programming and activities take place throughout the year, but also with a special focus during February, which is African American History month; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, the Forest Preserve District is investing in infrastructure related to African American history such as the \$4 million improvement project to make the Beaubien Boat Launch site more amenable for groups to gather for Underground Railroad and other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, in advance of African American History month, it would be beneficial for the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners to be apprised of planned programming and opportunities for additional investments and programming related to the substantial African American history located in and around the Forest Preserves of Cook County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserve District of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Recreation & Engagement Committee be convened in January 2025 to hear presentations from Forest Preserve District staff and organizations that provide African American History programming in the Forest Preserves including programming for Underground Railroad related activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that both Forest Preserve staff and such organizations be prepared to identify additional opportunities and recommendations for African American History programming and experiential learning in the Forest Preserves.

**Effective Date:** This Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for deferral 24-0522. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Stamps, Aguilar, Anaya, Miller, K. Morrison and Quezada (7)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to adjourn.  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Stamps, Aguilar, Anaya, Miller, K. Morrison and Quezada (7)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

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