

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

County Board Room, County Building

**Board Meeting of
Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. STEELE
LARRY SUFFREDIN
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI**

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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10:00 A.M.

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OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Murphy (1)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Rev Brian Sauder, Executive Director of Faith in Place, Chicago, Illinois, gave the invocation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen
2. Benjamin Cox, President, Friends for the Forest Preserves

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items for the October 7, 2014 Board Meeting.

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PRESIDENT

14-0473

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTH BRANCH BICYCLE TRAIL-SOUTHERN EXTENSION

WHEREAS the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) has sought, and been awarded, funds from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant (“CMAQ Grant”), a federally-funded program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) that supports surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief, to facilitate the construction of 2.96 miles of the North Branch Bicycle Trail-Southern Extension;

WHEREAS, “IDOT” requires a resolution to reaffirm the Preserve’s funding commitment for Phase III (construction supervision) and construction costs associated with the project as per the Local Agency Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Agreement also provides for the division of Phase III and Construction costs for the Project and payment of 20% of the construction cost by the Preserves, as the Local Agency;

WHEREAS, CMAQ provides 80% (or maximum of \$424,000.00) of Phase III Engineering costs for the Project estimated at \$530,000.00;

WHEREAS, in order to meet deadlines for use of the funds provided via the CMAQ Grant, it was advisable that a consulting engineering firm be employed to perform Phase III engineering;

WHEREAS, the Preserves has selected URS Corporation “URS” of Chicago, Illinois to serve as Consulting Engineers;

WHEREAS, “URS” Phase III Engineering costs are projected to be \$527,793.89 of which CMAQ funds

will cover 80% (\$422,235.11) of the costs and the Preserves shall be responsible for 20% of the cost; **WHEREAS**, the total construction cost for the project is *estimated* at \$6,710,000.00 and the Preserve’s 20% local share of the construction cost is *estimated* at \$1,342,000.00;

WHEREAS, IDOT shall be responsible for the bid letting and award of a construction contract at a future date;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County authorizes the Preserves, through its General Superintendent, to enter into a local agency agreement (the “Local Agency Agreement”), with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) via which the Preserves agrees to pay 20% of the Phase III Engineering Service and Construction costs associated with the Project pursuant to the Local Agency Agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that URS Corporation of Chicago, Illinois be employed to perform Phase III Engineering services in connection with the Project, and that the President of such Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to execute, on behalf of the District, an agreement by and between the Preserves and URS for Phase III Engineering services (the “Engineering Services Agreement”).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves hereby confirms that sufficient funds are available in the Preserves Construction & Development Fund, General Consulting accounts, Grant account, and Trail accounts have been designated, to pay the total cost of Phase III Engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$527,793.89 of which the Illinois Department of Transportation will reimburse 80% or up to \$422,235.11 and the Preserves ultimately shall be responsible for 20% of the Phase III Engineering costs or \$105,558.78, in addition to 20% of the construction costs not to exceed \$1,342,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the Local Agency Agreement and the Engineering Services Agreement, when executed in their respective final form, shall be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval and final processing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Real Estate Committee Report**

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

9:00 AM

Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, García, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (9)

Absent: Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Gainer, Moore, Silvestri, Sims and Steele, (8)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

The Secretary announced that there were no public speakers.

14-0417

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. (“WMI”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain two groundwater monitoring wells, one existing and one proposed, along Doty Avenue at the Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve. The groundwater monitoring wells are to insure that the groundwater quality is not affected by the nearby landfills.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$3,400.00

License Application Fee: \$1,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,400.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$7,800.00 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: 0.004 Acre

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and plans and has found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 4

Legislative History: 9/9/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, that this License Request be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, García, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (9)

Absent: Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Gainer, Moore, Silvestri, Sims and Steele, (8)

14-0419

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to The Village of Niles, Illinois (“the Village”) to locate, operate and maintain a 72-inch storm sewer and outfall structure to the North Branch Chicago River. The storm sewer is part of a storm water relief program that also includes a detention basin and bioinfiltration facility on other village property. The sewer will capture storm water runoff to relieve flooding and to reduce the combined sewer overflow discharge. The request also includes licensing the existing combined sewer overflow structure for which no license or agreement is known. The Village will also construct a new ADA crosswalk on Caldwell Avenue at Cleveland Street with push button activated flashers, and a new paved trail connection, along the route of the new storm sewer, to the existing North branch Trail. The crossing will improve accessibility and safety and provide an alternative to the current use of the FPCC driveway and parking lot to access the trail..

Term: Continuous

License Fee: \$23,439.39

License Application Fee: \$500.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,400.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$27,339.39 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$141,212.64

The area of the License is: 0.34 Acre

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and plans and has found them to be

acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

Legislative History: 9/9/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee

District(s): 13

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley that this License Request be recommended for deferral. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, García, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (9)

Absent: Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Gainer, Moore, Silvestri, Sims and Steele, (8)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, García, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (9)

Absent: Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Gainer, Moore, Silvestri, Sims and Steele, (8)

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

File Id Number 14-0417Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0419Recommended for Deferral

A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

9:15 AM

Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider and Sims (9)

Absent: Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Moore, Murphy, Silvestri, Steele and Tobolski (8)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 Public Testimony.

The Secretary announced that there were no public speakers.

14-0400

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FOREST PRESERVE FEE SCHEDULE

Amending the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances to facilitate the ability to obtain a permit for activities such as rallies, pickets, protests, speeches, and demonstrations.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1 - Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE

Picnic Permits*

• Picnic Permits - one grove per permit, fees assessed for all permits; large groups may require multiple permits and/or security.

- Picnic permit category W = 25 to 99 people
- Picnic permit category X = 100 to 399 people
- Picnic permit category Y = 400 to 999 people
- Picnic permit Level 4 = Large area events

• Special use permits: special accommodations such as tents, beer truck, caterer, rides, generator, lights, overflow parking. A special use permit will be required for the aforementioned accommodations

even if

a picnic permit is not required based on the size of the group.

- Special activity/event permits: activities not included in picnic permits and/or special use permits. Usually sold to a group.

• Rallies, pickets, protests, speeches, and demonstrations involving 25 or more persons shall be considered

activities requiring special event permits.

- Nonprofit organizations with proper documentation may qualify for a reduced rate of 50% on designated picnic permit charges.

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

Legislative History: 9/9/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner García, that this Ordinance Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider and Sims (9)

Absent: Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Moore, Murphy, Silvestri, Steele and Tobolski (8)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner García, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider and Sims (9)

Absent: Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Moore, Murphy, Silvestri, Steele and Tobolski (8)

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN**

File 14-0400.....Recommended for Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Butler, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Report of the Rules Committee**

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

9:45 AM Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider and Sims (5)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Silvestri and Steele (4)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Secretary announced that there were no public speakers.

14-0499

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 9/9/2014.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider and Sims (5)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Silvestri and Steele (4)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider and Sims (5)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Silvestri and Steele (4)

SECTION 2

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:

File Id Number 14-0499Recommended for Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Report of the Finance Committee**

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

10:00 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen
2. Benjamin Cox, Friends of the Forest Preserve

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14-0504

Committee Name: Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation

Committee Date: October 7, 2014

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present:

\$314,145.68

Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present:

\$25,000.00

Workers' Compensation Claims to be Approved:

\$62,890.85

***For details on payment approvals refer to the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee Report for 10/7/14.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Committee Report be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

DISBURSEMENTS

14-0465

Department(s): Resource Management

Action: Authorization to disburse payments over \$150,000.00

Payee: Clauss Brothers, Streamwood, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Tree planting and landscaping services

Fiscal Impact: \$196,635.59

Accounts: Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting, 09-6753

Contract Number(s): 12-31-105

Summary: This contract provides for tree planting and landscape services throughout the Preserves

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0469

Department(s): Planning & Development

Action: Disbursement Approval

Payee: Plata Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction Services

Fiscal Impact: \$190,899.14

Accounts: 25-6710 Building Account

Contract Number(s): 13-80-01-G3R3

Summary: North Police Headquarters, Highland Woods Golf Course, Crabtree Nature Center, Deer Grove

Sub-Division Headquarters and Northwest Resource Management Headquarters.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0470

Department(s): Planning & Development

Action: Disbursement Approval

Payee: Cornerstone Contracting, Inc., Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction Services

Fiscal Impact: \$1,046,989.53

Accounts: 25-6730 Camp Account

Contract Number(s): 13-80-03-006-C

Summary: Camp Bull Frog/Maple Lake Development

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0471

Department(s): Planning & Development

Action: Disbursement Approval for Payment Applications # 2 & 3

Payee: AGAE Contractors, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction Services

Fiscal Impact: \$158,072.52

Accounts: 25-6710 Building Account

Contract Number(s): 13-80-01-G4R1

Summary: Life Safety, ADA, Locker Room Upgrades & Roof Replacement at Thorn Creek Maintenance H.Q., Calumet Maintenance H.Q., Tinley Creek Canine Center, Tinley Creek Resource Management H.Q. and River Oaks Golf Course

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0475

Department(s): Resource Management

Action: Request to disburse payment

Payee: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps (CCLC) internship program, Summer 2014

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000.00

Accounts: Intern Programs 09-6758, Habitat Restoration 09-6750

Contract Number(s): 13-31-118

Summary: The CCLC program is a six week internship that engaged 60 youth and 18 leaders in hands-on restoration and ecologically based educational activities throughout the Forest Preserves. Friends of the Forest Preserves and their partner the Student Conservation Association worked with District staff at several host sites to promote stewardship of natural lands by the next generation of conservation leaders.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be not recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

BID RECOMMENDATIONS

14-0464

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Pizzo and Associates, Leland, Illinois.

Reason: Contract #14-31-116 consists of invasive brush removal for ecological management on sixty-one (61) acres at Swallow Cliff Woods in the Palos Preserve.

Bid Opening Date: 8/27/2014

Bid Results:

1. Pizzo and Associates	\$52,316.13
2. Homer Tree Service	\$144,999.99
3. Trees R Us	\$182,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$52,316.13

Contract Period: Twenty-Four (24) months from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Habitat Restoration, 10-6750

District(s): 17

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0466

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Trees R Us, Wauconda, Illinois

Reason: Contract #14-31-113 consists of the removal, topping or pruning of two thousand and thirty-nine trees (2,039), which includes thirty-three (33) that require stumping, six (6) that require pruning, and seven (7) additional stumps (due mostly to the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer), in accordance with the Preserves specifications in Region 4, Skokie Division. Trees R Us was the lowest responsible bidder of the four (4) bidders.

Bid Opening Date: 9/24/2014

Bid Results:

1. Trees R Us		\$247,680.00
2. Pizzo & Associates	\$312,250.00	
3. GroundsKeeper Landscape	\$424,000.00	
4. Homer Tree Service	\$596,558.00	

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$247,680.00

Contract Period: Ninety (90) working days from the issuance of notice to proceed

Account Name/Number: Vegetation Management, 09-914-6754

District(s): 13 and 14

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0467

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Vega Tree Service, Northlake, Illinois

Reason: Contract #14-31-118 consists of the removal, topping or pruning of three thousand seven hundred and sixty-four trees (3,764), which includes thirty-five (35) that require pruning (due mostly to the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer), in accordance with the Preserves specifications in Region 4, Skokie Division. Vega Tree Service was the lowest responsible bidder of the four (4) bidders.

Bid Opening Date: 9/24/2014

Bid Results:

1. Vega Tree Service	\$333,750.00	
2. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$459,000.00	
3. Trees R Us	\$466,736.00	
4. Homer Tree Service		\$531,990.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$333,750.00

Contract Period: Ninety (90) working days from the issuance of notice to proceed

Account Name/Number: EAB Tree Removal, 09-914-6756, EAB Tree Removal, 09-914-6756 and Habitat Restoration, 09-914-6750

District(s): 13 and 14

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

REVENUE REPORT

14-0479

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue & Expenses

Report Period: 8/1/2014 - 8/31/2014

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis Report for August 2014.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Report be recommended for receiving and filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN**

File Id Number 14-0504.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0465.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0469.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0470.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0471.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0475.....	Not Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0464.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0466.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0467.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0479.....	Recommended Receiving and Filing

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

14-0403

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Billy Casper Golf Inc., Vienna, Virginia

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: Contract 14-40-403 consists of campground facilities management services. Billy Casper Golf Inc. (“Billy Casper”) was the sole responder to the Preserves’ request for proposals, which was posted twice. The Preserves has agreed to pay Billy Casper a management fee of \$150,000.00 and to cover up to \$652,557.00 in actual operating expenses on an annual basis.

Contract period: Thirty Six (36) months from the issuance of the Purchase Order

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,407,671.00

\$450,000.00 Management Fee
 \$1,957,671.00 Reimbursable Expenses

Account(s): Other Professional Services 01-6217

Concurrence(s):

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 14, 4, 17 and 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Agreement be withdrawn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0405

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Go Ape Bemis Woods LLC, Frederick, Maryland

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into an agreement

Reason: Contract 14-40-405 consists of professional design, construction, operation, & maintenance services for an Aerial Adventure & Zipline Course (the "Course"). The Vendor selected, Go Ape, was the most responsive and responsible of three (3) bidders. In addition to designing and constructing the Course, Go Ape intends to operate and maintain the Course. Go Ape has agreed to pay the Preserves a \$20,000.00 annual fee plus a tiered percentage of the gross revenue generated at the Course.

Contract period: Sixty (60) months from the issuance of the Purchase Order

Estimated Fiscal Impact: No Fiscal Impact

Account(s): N/A

Concurrence(s):

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 15 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Suffredin

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0472**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT****Department(s):** Planning & Development**Vendor:** URS Corporation, Chicago, Illinois**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into and execute an agreement.**Good(s) or Service(s):** The Project will include phase III engineering services for approximately 2.96 miles of the North Branch Bicycle Trail from Devon and Caldwell to the City of Chicago's on-street system at Kostner and Foster Avenue, funded with a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

On 6/4/2008, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Preserves to negotiate a contract with the firm of URS Corporation for Phase I and Phase II Engineering Services. Phase II engineering for the North Branch Bicycle Trail Southern Extension is almost complete. Construction of the southern segment will begin in 2015 and requires phase III engineering services (construction supervision). Through a Request for Qualification process it was determined that URS is the most qualified. The negotiated professional fees for Phase III Engineering services shall not exceed \$527,793.89. Of the total fees, CMAQ will fund 80%, and the Preserves is responsible for the remaining 20%, or \$105,558.78.

In addition, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires a that a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation, be adopted by the Preserves to reaffirm the Preserves' funding commitment for 20% of the total project cost for Phase III Engineering.

Contract Value: \$527,793.89**Contract period:** Twenty-Four (24) months from Notice to Proceed**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2015 \$105,558.78**Accounts:** General Consulting Services Accounts 54-6740 & future 55-6740 (subject to 2015 appropriation for 20% share) and Grant Account 10-702-6240 for reimbursable 80% share**Contract Number(s):** 05-80-24-III**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: requesting authority to enter into a contract between URS Corporation, Chicago, Illinois and the Preserves for Phase III Engineering Services to assist the Preserves with phase III engineering- construction supervision services.

District(s): 9 and 12

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0480

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursement Report for August 2014

Report Period: 8/1/2014 - 8/31/2014

Summary: Detailed report of August 2014 procurements and disbursements

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0482

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Resource Management

Request: Receive & File

Report Title: Grant Award from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) through the Great Lakes Regional Initiative (GLFT).

Report Period: Grant Period 09/15/2014 - 09/30/2016

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) has received a grant from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) to support restoration activities at Eggers Woods in Chicago, Illinois. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the GLFT. This project will work with GreenCorps Chicago to conduct the restoration work and will engage Wild Indigo Nature Exploration Fellows to help conduct community outreach and establish volunteers for this site.

This project will improve the ecological health of Eggers Woods, grow the Preserves’ volunteer base through promotion of nature walks and volunteer workdays at the site, and advance the goals of the Preserves’ Next Century Conservation Plan to ensure that native landscapes will thrive for generations and to increase hands-on volunteer opportunities.

The grant amount is \$30,000.00 - Potential Grants Match and Work Fund 09-6757

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0483

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Resource Management

Request: Receive & File

Report Title: USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Grant through the Great Lakes Regional Initiative

Report Period: Grant Period 09/15/2014 - 09/30/2016

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) has received a grant award from the USDA Natural Resource conservation Service (NRCS) to support restoration activities at Turnbull Woods in Glencoe, Illinois. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Regional Initiative (GLRI). This project will enable the Preserve to work with GreenCorps Chicago to conduct restoration work and will engage Wild Indigo Nature Exploration Fellows to help conduct community outreach and establish volunteers for this site. This project also will improve the ecological health of Turnbull Woods, grow the Preserves’ volunteer base through promotion of nature

walks and volunteer workdays at the site, and advance the goals of the Preserves' Next Century Conservation Plan to ensure that native landscapes will thrive for generations and to increase hands-on volunteer opportunities.

The grant amount is \$40,000.00 - The Potential Grants Match and Work Fund, 09-6757

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0484

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): General Office

Vendor: WYCC, PBS Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Development, production, advertisement and marketing of a one-hour documentary.

Contract Value: \$170,000.00

Contract period: 11/1/2014 - 11/1/2015

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$170,000.00

Accounts: Other Professional Services, 01-6217

Contract Number(s): TBD

Concurrences:

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

Summary: Building a Passion for Discovery Documentary outlines a great partnership between public television and the Forest Preserves with a focus on highlighting the Centennial milestone and the Next Century Conservation Plan.

Celebrating the visionary success of one of the largest and oldest forest preserves in the United States is a story with great value. Capturing the important work critical to the preservation of Cook County’s natural resources will also be coupled with the enhanced message that focuses on the rich history, educational value, health benefits and recreational pleasure that the Preserves provide for people of all ages.

Content developed for interactive kiosks will provide visitors with the opportunity to learn more about the Forest Preserves. The educational component beyond the broadcast will be repackaged as educational resources for teachers, support for classroom curriculum and educational collateral that can be shared with area libraries to engage a greater audience.

As a broadcaster reaching almost 1.4 million viewers a week throughout a four state area of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, a marketing and advertising campaign developed simultaneously with the broadcast will also provide the opportunity to kick-off an external campaign that builds greater community awareness about the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0489

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Facilities & Fleet

Vendor: Broadway Electric, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Security monitoring and installation services

Contract Value: \$1,146,946.92

Contract period: 10/7/2014 -10/7/2017

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2014 \$155,229.67, FY 2015 \$364,090.32, FY 2016, \$342,342.00, FY 2017 \$285,284.93.

Accounts: Other Professional Services, 01-6217

Contract Number(s): 14-53-520

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: The Forest Preserves solicited proposals from qualified/licensed companies to establish a contract for Security Monitoring and Installation Services at over forty (40) properties owned by the Preserves for a period of 36 months with the option of two (2) 12 month extension periods.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0500

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Bring item up and refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Item Number: 14-0454

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): N/A

Original text of item:

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Chicago Botanic Garden MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 6/30/2014

Summary: Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Reconsideration of a Previously Approved Item be motion to reconsider. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri,, that this Reconsideration of a Previously Approved Item be referred to the Contract Compliance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0501

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Bring up and refer item to the Contract Compliance Committee

Item Number: 14-0453

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): N/A

Original text of item:

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 6/30/2014

Summary: Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Reconsideration of a Previously Approved Item be motion to reconsider. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri,, that this Reconsideration of a Previously Approved Item be referred to the Contract Compliance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0502

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Bring up item and refer to the Contract Compliance Committee

Item Number: 14-0451

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): N/A

Original text of item:

REPORT

Finance and Administration

Request: Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserve of Cook County MBE/WBE Expenditures Report

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 6/30/2014

Summary: Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Reconsideration of a Previously Approved Item be motion to reconsider. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri,, that this Reconsideration of a Previously Approved Item be referred to the Contract Compliance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0503

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Forest Preserve Foundation

Request: Oral Report by Forest Preserve Foundation Executive Director Shelley Davis

Report Title: N/A

Report Period: 2014 Event

Summary: 3rd Annual Conservation Cup Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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14-0474**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent**Forest Preserves of Cook County Events and Activities 10/1/14 - 11/16/14****October: Saturdays, 1 pm;****November: Sundays, 1 pm (No Canyon Tour November 16)****Canyon Tours, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The Sagawau Canyon is the only natural exposure of bedrock in Cook County. Join naturalists for a hike down the canyon to learn how it was formed and what lives there. *Be prepared to wade through the stream; footing is unstable.*

Friday - Sunday, 10/10 - 12; 10 am to 4 pm**Fall Bulb Festival, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Purchase bulbs from over 200 specialty varieties in Burnstein Hall and enjoy an outdoor market and straw bale maze on the Esplanade.

Friday, 10/10; 5 - 8 pm**Family Night Out: Stars Stories and S'Mores, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Bring the family and enjoy an evening in the forest. We'll have a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities.

Saturday, 10/11; 9 am - 3 pm**Chicago Portage Days, Ottawa Trail Woods, Lyons**

Don't miss costumed living-history demonstrators as we explore the "Plymouth Rock" of Chicago. Exploration parties leave every 15 minutes. In partnership with Friends of the Chicago Portage. Admission: \$3-7. Visit chicagoportage.org for more info.

Saturday, 10/18; 11 am - 1 pm**Spooky Pooch Parade - Krasberg Rose Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Join the fun of our annual Halloween-themed costume parade for dogs. Fee applies.

Saturday, 10/18; 1 - 5 pm**Fall Paddle at Skokie Lagoons, Skokie Lagoons Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield**

Come paddle with us, check out our 10-passenger voyager canoe and enjoy guided hikes and pumpkin painting.

Sunday, 10/19; 10 am - 4 pm**Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us as we celebrate the season with a special day of autumn fun! Beekeeping demos, pumpkin painting, honey sales, hay rides and more!

Friday, 10/24; 5 - 8 pm**An Evening at Trailside, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Get up close and personal with your neighborhood nature center. Sample a variety of programs and crafts, chat with naturalists and get an up-close view of our furs and skulls collection. A rare "behind-the-scenes" program will show you how we prepare food for our display animals. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, 10/25; 11 am - 2 pm

Leave No Child Inside: Family Fun Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Spend some time outside with the kids and have fun with our naturalists. There will be a lot to do, including activities and games, an obstacle course, a nature scavenger hunt and more!

Saturday, 11/1; 1:30 pm

Campfire Foods 101, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Spark your taste buds and learn how to cook over a campfire. Food will be provided. Registration required. \$3 per person.

Saturday, 11/1; 4 - 7 pm

Family Night Out: Stars, Stories and S'Mores, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Bring the family and enjoy an evening in the forest. We'll have a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities. We'll also be celebrating Day of the Dead.

Friday - Sunday, 11/7 - 9; 10 am - 5 pm

Fine Art of Fiber, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

This event, the area's oldest and largest fiber arts showcase, includes a boutique, fashion show, demonstrations and exhibitions.

Saturday, 11/15; 11 am - 1 pm

Green Holiday DIY, Cummings Square, River Forest

Learn to green up your holiday gift giving, wrapping and decorating. We'll have supplies on hand, but bring any old items you'd like to transform into something new.

Sunday, 11/16; 1 pm

Mammals: Ice Age to Late 1800s, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Mammoths, caribou, bears and horses: Learn more about mammals of our past.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this board meeting was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this board meeting was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Murphy