Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation & Policy Council Meeting

April 22, 2021 • 9:30 am to noon • via Zoom

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Written-only comments provided 24 hours prior to the start of the Council meeting will be made part of the meeting record and available to all Council members. Anyone wishing to submit written public comments should send comments via email to Eileen.Figel@cookcountyil.gov by 9 a.m. on April 21.

AGENDA

Next Century Conservation Plan Vision

The people of Cook County will celebrate and nurture our thriving woodlands, prairies and waters as world-class treasures that sustain our great metropolis.

- 9:30 am **1.** Welcome (Alan Bell, Chairperson, Conservation & Policy Council)
 - **2.** Approval of Minutes (See Attachment 1)
 - 3. Public Comments
- 9:45 am **4.** Chairman's Report
 - a. Strategic Priorities for the Council (See Attachment 2)
 - b. Consultation with Council regarding High-Impact Land Use Matters
 - c. Resolution in Support of the Forest Preserves Police (and opposing proposal for Cook County Sheriff to take over policing of the Forest Preserves) (See Attachment 3)
 - d. Suicide Prevention/Wellness in the Preserves
 - e. Responding to Hate Crimes Against AAPI Community
 - f. Partnership with Alliance to End Homelessness
- 10:05 am **5.** Discussion with General Superintendent Arnold Randall
- 10:20 am **6.** Special Updates

- a. Referendum Update & Role of Council (Will Abberger, TPL and Benjamin Cox, FOTFP)
- b. Discussion
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:10 am **7.** Position paper updates (See Attachments 4 and 5)
 - a. Nature-Compatible Recreation in the Forest Preserves of Cook County (PDF) January 2021 (Terry Guen)
 - b. <u>Scaling Up Volunteers in the Forest Preserves of Cook County (PDF)</u> *February 2021* (Jane Balaban)
 - c. Discussion
- 11:45 am **8.** Other items requiring Council input/guidance
 - a. On-site meetings and tours (or virtual tours)
- 11:50 am **9.** Council stories/testimonials
- 12:00 pm **10.** Adjourn

Attachments

- 1 Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2021
- 2 2021 Strategic Priorities for the Council
- 3 Resolution in Support of FPCC Police
- 4 Nature-Compatible Recreation Update
- 5 Scaling Up Volunteers Update
- 6 Spring Events & Hikes in the Forest Preserves
- 7 Recent Media Updates