



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

**Virtual Meeting**

**Consent Agenda**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 10:00 AM**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

[21-0481](#)

**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 ARNOLD RANDALL, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY, FOR RECEIVING THE CORNELIUS AMORY PUGSLEY MEDAL FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR PARK AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2021, Arnold Randall, General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, received the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal for Parks and Conservation from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration in association with the National Park Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1928 the Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medals have been nationally prestigious awards that recognize outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of public parks and conservation in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Randall was acknowledged as a strong administrator and lifelong advocate for parks, open space and conservation and for his many accomplishments throughout his career; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Randall has served as the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves since his appointment in 2010, and has embraced the development of innovative projects and programs, built inclusive partnerships and collaborative initiatives, and implemented a wide array of master plans and public engagement strategies, including the visionary Next Century Conservation Plan, Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, and Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pugsley Medal recognized Arnold Randall for his leadership, passion, and dedication to protecting and preserving Cook County's unique natural areas and the plants and animals that depend on them and ensuring that people from all backgrounds and walks of life have the opportunity to participate in healthy outdoor recreation and enjoy nature; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Randall is committed to ensuring the Forest Preserves' lands are safe and welcoming for everyone and this commitment led to the creation of the Conservation and Experiential Programming Department, dedicated solely to public programming and engagement, as well as the historic re-opening of five campgrounds in the Forest Preserves, providing Cook County residents with the ability to enjoy camping in local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Randall strives to ensure that the Forest Preserves lands are managed with excellence, transparency and sound financial practices, and his commitment to good government has greatly improved public perception of the Forest Preserves during his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Randall has championed the power of partnerships and their ability to reach new and diverse audiences and continuously strives to initiate new and elevate existing partnerships which has allowed for the identification of common goals and enabled both the Forest Preserves and its partners to leverage expertise and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Randall has made it a priority for the Forest Preserves to promote an infrastructure and culture that is based on equity and inclusion, empowering a Racial, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee focused on internal agency challenges and championing a position paper focused on applying a racial equity lens to all the Forest Preserves' future plans, programs, policies and investments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners thank and congratulate General Superintendent Arnold Randall for his commitment and dedication to advance the mission of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

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

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#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING SITE DESIGN GROUP, LTD., GREEN CORPS AND THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY'S JENS JENSEN AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FOR THE EXEMPLARY DESIGN OF THE DAN RYAN NATURE PLAY AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County completed new outdoor recreation amenities at Dan Ryan Woods in 2019 that represent a unique and innovative approach to outdoor recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Dan Ryan Nature Play Garden received the 2021 Jens Jensen Award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, which recognizes projects that exemplify the ideals and values of Jens Jensen using native plants, ecological processes, and reconnecting people to the landscape with harmonious design; and

**WHEREAS**, the award recognizes the efforts of the Forest Preserves as the owner, Site Design Group, Ltd., as the project landscape architects, and Green Corps as project consultants, among others.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby thank and congratulate Site Design Group, Ltd., Green Corps and the Forest Preserves of Cook County for their exemplary landscape design accomplishment of the Dan Ryan Nature Play Area and for their commitments to advance the mission of the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to all awardees and project participants as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY FOR ITS RECEIPT OF THE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AWARD FROM THE AT&T AND GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY MAGAZINE**

**WHEREAS**, in August 2021, Commissioner Bridget Degnen nominated the Forest Preserves of Cook County ("Forest Preserves") for a technology award for the Forest Preserves' excellent work in developing a user-friendly Interactive Web Map; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2021, the Forest Preserves' Interactive Web Map received a Technology Innovation Award in the Citizen Category from the Special Districts Awards Program sponsored by AT&T and Government Technology magazine; and

**WHEREAS**, the award program recognizes innovation and leadership within special district agencies across the nation and the Citizen Category specifically recognizes special districts that have used technology to improve service delivery to citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves strives to ensure that green spaces and public lands are accessible to all and that local communities feel welcome in those areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves developed a user-friendly interactive web map to help visitors easily plan trips and navigate forest preserves trails; and

**WHEREAS**, visitors may search the interactive web map based on location or activity, view associated amenities and activities available at each location, and access additional information including preserve and trail descriptions, closure information, and directions; and

**WHEREAS**, with funding made possible from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Healthy Hotspot initiative led by the Cook County Department of Public Health, the Forest Preserves partnered with Smart Chicago (now City Tech Collaborative) to build this custom interactive web map on open source code pioneered by Code for America, a national civic technology non-profit; and

**WHEREAS**, since launching the interactive web map in March 2017, the Forest Preserves has continued to improve the map including adding an alert system in 2018, allowing employees to post closure and alert notices to inform visitors of conditions that might impact a visit, and, in 2021, adding accessible amenities and information; and

**WHEREAS**, the interactive web map, accessible via computer, tablet and mobile device, has been a popular tool for visitors with more than 250,000 people using the map to plan a visit to the forest preserves in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves' interactive web map is an excellent example of a technological innovation and greatly improves the accessibility of the forest preserves to both Cook County residents and visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Bridget Degnen, and the Board of Commissioners do hereby thank and congratulate the Forest Preserves staff and its partners in honor of its receipt of the Special District Technology Award in advancement of the mission of the Forest Preserves.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to participating staff and partners as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and

the residents of Cook County.