



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

Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 10:00 AM

***For Commissioners and staff who plan to attend the meeting, please note that the on-site meeting location is Rolling Knolls Pavilion 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin, IL 60120. *To watch the meeting Live go to Forest Preserve Facebook page.**

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.

22-0270

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 ADLER PLANETARIUM AND FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY FOR RECEIVING TWO AWARDS FOR THE PALOS PRESERVES URBAN NIGHT SKY PLACE INCLUDING A PARK & RECREATION FACILITY - CLASS IV AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICIALS AND AN INNOVATION IN CONSERVATION AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, in May of 2022, the Adler Planetarium and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") received a Park & Recreation Facility - Class IV Award from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials' annual national awards program which honors excellence in county, regional and special district level parks and recreation throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Park & Recreation Facility - Class IV Award specifically recognizes excellence in park and recreation areas, recreation facilities, and operational facilities for population service areas of over 500,001; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2022, the Adler Planetarium and the Forest Preserves also received an Innovation in Conservation Award from the National Recreation and Park Association's Innovation Award program which recognizes park and recreation agencies nationwide that have improved and strengthened their communities through innovative practices in park design, health and wellness, conservation and social equity; and

WHEREAS, the Innovation in Conservation award specifically recognizes a park and recreation agency leading an innovative project that creates localized solutions for addressing global or regional environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, light pollution, or artificial light at night, has negative impacts on human health and wildlife, increases carbon dioxide emissions, and obscures the ability to enjoy the observation of celestial objects;

and

WHEREAS, to address these issues and promote the benefits of a nighttime environment for people and nature, the Forest Preserves partnered with the Adler Planetarium to pursue the International Dark-Sky Association's (IDA) Urban Night Sky Place designation for its Palos Preserves which it received in 2021; and

WHEREAS, this 6,662-acre area within the Palos Preserves emits nearly 1,000 times less light than nearby Chicago, allowing visitors to see four times more stars; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves has developed a series of programs to provide a unique and new way to explore and learn about nature including star gazing, astronomical events, and night hikes; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves collaborated with the Adler Planetarium to create a light management plan, adopt a Dark Sky Friendly Policy, and to work with students and volunteers to build and utilize specially designed cameras to measure light pollution in the forest preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Palos Preserves are now the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world, and this designation helps to celebrate and amplify the importance of dark skies for the benefit of human and natural communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners thank and congratulate the Forest Preserves' staff, Adler Planetarium and all students and volunteers involved for their work on the Urban Night Sky Place designation for the Palos Preserves and for being recognized by the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials and the National Recreation and Park Association.

22-0384

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SYLVIA M. JENKINS, Ph.D., TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 2013, Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins was appointed by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners to the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission (the "Commission") to develop a new vision for the Forest Preserves of Cook County ("Forest Preserves"); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins worked with the Commission, civic leaders, conservation advocates, and Forest

Preserves' staff to successfully develop the Next Century Conservation Plan-an ambitious long-range plan to protect and care for nature in the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the Next Century Conservation Plan by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2014, Dr. Jenkins was appointed by the President and the Board of Commissioners to the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Council") where she served from 2015 to 2022, sharing her wisdom and expertise to help guide the Forest Preserves' efforts to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, as President of Moraine Valley Community College, on November 2, 2018, Dr. Jenkins convened the Community College Conservation Summit where representatives from every community college in Cook County and the City Colleges of Chicago met to explore collaborations with the Forest Preserves for the benefit of students and the preserves; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins has been a steadfast advocate for the Forest Preserves, immersing herself in the ecological diversity, programs, services and amenities the Forest Preserves offers by visiting sites throughout the preserves, and experiencing her first camping trip at Camp Reinberg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Dr. Sylvia Jenkins for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Dr. Jenkins in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

22-0385

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EMILY HARRIS TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, as Vice President of Metropolis Strategies, Emily Harris led efforts to develop the Forest Preserves of Cook County's (the "Forest Preserves") Next Century Conservation Plan-an ambitious new vision created by civic leaders, conservation advocates, and Forest Preserves' staff that guides the Forest Preserves' efforts to protect and care for nature in the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the Next Century Conservation Plan by President Preckwinkle and

the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2014, Emily served as a technical advisor to Forest Preserves' staff responsible for implementing the plan by sharing her knowledge, insight and expertise; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Council") from 2018 to 2022, Emily continued to share her expertise in economic development, accessibility, planning and public policy to guide the Forest Preserves' efforts to operationalize the Next Century Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, as co-chair of the Council's Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion ("REDI") committee, Emily championed efforts to develop the Forest Preserves' first REDI position paper, "Moving Toward Racial Equity in the Forest Preserves of Cook County," which focuses on strategies to promote racial equity throughout the Forest Preserves, and a second position paper, "Amplifying Diversity and Inclusion," which recommends actions to build on and broaden the Forest Preserves' equity lens to include additional dimensions of diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Emily's strong advocacy for people with disabilities has helped the Forest Preserves become more welcoming and accessible to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Emily Harris for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Emily Harris in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

22-0386

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TERRY GUEN TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 2013, Terry Guen was appointed by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners to the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission to develop a new vision for the Forest Preserves of Cook County ("Forest Preserves"); and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission, Terry worked with fellow civic leaders to advise on the development of the Next Century Conservation Plan (the “Plan”)—an ambitious and visionary plan with goals to ensure the Forest Preserves’ native habitats thrive, create opportunities for everyone to explore the preserves, demonstrate the value of protected land and provide enduring and accountable leadership; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the Plan by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2014, Terry was appointed by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners to the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Council”) where she served from 2015 to 2022, providing guidance and expertise to the Forest Preserves in the implementation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, as Founder and Principal of Terry Guen Design Associates, Inc., Terry used her background in landscape architecture to apply her knowledge of integrating ecological outdoor environments within public design and creating nature-filled public spaces to her work with the Council; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2016, Terry convened a group of professionals from the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects, to advise the Forest Preserves on integrating natural elements in the Forest Preserves’ built spaces; and

WHEREAS, Terry co-chaired the development of the Council’s position paper on “Nature-Compatible Recreation,” which included key recommendations to prioritize nature-compatible recreation and oppose new uses that do not align with the Forest Preserves’ mission; and

WHEREAS, Terry has been a dedicated supporter of the Forest Preserves by advocating for the protection and conservation of our public lands and ensuring that the people of Cook County can access and experience the benefits of nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Terry Guen for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Terry Guen in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.