



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

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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 11:00 AM

18-0001

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR., RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING COMMISSIONER DEBORAH SIMS SERVICE TO NEIGHBORSPEACE**

WHEREAS, NeighborSpace was founded in 1996 through a unique collaborative partnership between the private sector and the Forest Preserves of Cook County, the City of Chicago, and the Chicago Park District to bring the benefits of open space to more Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Deborah Sims served on the NeighborSpace Board of Directors beginning in March 1997 thereby making her the organization's longest serving board member; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims began serving as the Vice President of the NeighborSpace Board of Directors in May 1997; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims has championed the NeighborSpace land trust as an innovative and effective way for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to support Chicago residents through open space projects that are small and fragmented; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims helped to keep the organization on mission to preserve and support community based open space projects in underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims worked with NeighborSpace staff and Board of Directors to broaden the organization's scope to include emerging models of community open space projects including nature play gardens which provide the experience of playing in nature in neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, under Commissioner Sims leadership, the NeighborSpace organization expanded to include 114 community-managed gardens; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims leadership allowed NeighborSpace to focus on its dual commitment to open space preservation and community-based leadership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Commissioner Sims for her service to community open space.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners requests ceremonial copies of this resolution be presented to Commissioner Deborah Sims.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT ARNOLD RANDALL FOR RECEIVING THE EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FROM THE MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION AND CIVIC FEDERATION**

WHEREAS, in 1990, Motorola recognized the need to identify and promote the exemplary work of public servants throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, now in its 26th year and sponsored by the Motorola Solutions Foundation in partnership with The Civic Federation, a non-partisan government research organization working to maximize the quality and cost-effectiveness of government services in the Chicago region and State of Illinois, the Excellence in Public Service Award annually recognizes a non-elected government official who has had an extraordinary impact on the quality of state and local government services in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Award seeks to honor individuals who show dedication to a vision of quality management, leadership and innovation that leads to lasting achievements and more effective government in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, General Superintendent Arnold Randall was presented the Excellence in Public Service Award on Thursday, December 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Arnold Randall has served as General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County since his appointment by President Toni Preckwinkle in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Randall has increased the profile of the Forest Preserves, led the development and execution of a strategic roadmap for the future including a multi-year initiative to bring new and diverse audiences to the Forests Preserves of Cook County, expanded camping, trails and hiking; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the Forest Preserves has also intensified habitat restoration and expanded the organization's role in scientific and academic communities through revitalized partnerships with the Chicago Horticulture Society, Chicago Zoological Society, and others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Randall began his career at the Chicago Urban League, followed by numerous civic positions with the City of Chicago and professional organizations, and many roles with the Chicago Park

District including Area Manager, Trainer/Facilitator, Park Supervisor and Region Manager; and

WHEREAS, as Commissioner for the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development, Mr. Randall oversaw a capital improvement plan and played a pivotal role in bringing in new retail development to the South Side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Randall was also the Director of Neighborhood Legacy for Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics and later served as Director of Civic Engagement at the University of Chicago; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and congratulate General Superintendent Arnold Randall for being honored as the 2017 recipient of the Excellence in Public Service Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners requests ceremonial copies of this resolution be presented to General Superintendent Arnold Randall.