



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

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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 11:00 AM

18-0181

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE LIFE OF COMMISSIONER MARY MIX MCDONALD**

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Mary Mix McDonald from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mix McDonald led a rich and full life dedicated to her family and public service; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mix McDonald was the first Republican woman elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners and served from 1974 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mix McDonald was from Lincolnwood, representing suburban Cook County at a time when Commissioners served at large; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mix McDonald left a lasting legacy championing healthcare for low-income suburban women; pushing for a new Cook County Hospital; urging changes to Cook County Jail; and supporting the Chicago Botanic Garden and Brookfield Zoo; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure Mary Mix McDonald served as the Chair of the Botanic Garden Committee and helped raise money and support for the Garden to annex a 100-acre oak woodland, later named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mix McDonald was known for her problem-solving skills and her ability to work with everyone no matter what their background or party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mix McDonald authored a number of Cook County ordinances that were used as models of legislation throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mix McDonald went on to serve on the Regional Transportation Authority board from 1995 to 2007 using her unique skills to help shape transit; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mix McDonald is survived by daughters Elizabeth McDonald Wakeman and Sandra McDonald Jones, and son Gerald Owen McDonald, Jr. as well as four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Cook County Forest Preserve does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Mary Mix McDonald, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Mary Mix McDonald, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL LEED PLATINUM-CERTIFICATION FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY ROLLING KNOLLS PAVILION

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2017, the U.S. Green Building Council certified the Forest Preserves' Rolling Knolls Pavilion as LEED Platinum, the Council's highest designation. The Rolling Knolls Pavilion, located near Elgin, Illinois, provides year-round amenities for Forest Preserve visitors, including an 18-hole disc golf course and walking trails; and

WHEREAS, LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the most widely used green building rating system in the world and awards Platinum certification to those projects that meet exceptional sustainable design standards; and

WHEREAS, the Rolling Knolls Pavilion was partially funded with generous support from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, whose mission is to improve energy efficiency, advance development and use of renewable energy resources, and protect natural areas and wildlife habitat in communities across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Farr Associates, an award-winning architectural firm known for its innovative and sustainable design and commitment to having a positive impact on human and natural communities, designed the Rolling Knolls Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, the Rolling Knolls Pavilion is the Forest Preserves' first Platinum-certified building, and joins the Forest Preserves' two LEED Gold-certified nature centers (Little Red School House and Sagawau Environmental Learning Center) and Silver-certified pavilion at Swallow Cliff; and

WHEREAS, the Rolling Knolls Pavilion and the Forest Preserves' other LEED certified buildings all contribute to a more sustainable future, as well as provide opportunities for the public to learn about green technology and energy efficiencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President; the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves; and Arnold L. Randall, General Superintendent thank and congratulate the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, Farr Associates and Forest Preserve project staff for their commitment to sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation and Farr Associates as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING FRIENDS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER FOR DECADES OF SERVICE AND ADVOCACY TO THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Friends of the Chicago River is a non-profit organization established in 1979 for the purpose of advocating for and improving the health of the Chicago River system; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Chicago River's mission calls for policy initiatives geared towards improving water quality, on-the-ground projects for the improvement and preservation of quality habitat, and education and outreach programs that inform and inspire support for the Chicago River as a catalyst for community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Chicago River has successfully raised resources that support exciting and meaningful projects that have directly benefitted the plants, animals, and people of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"); and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Chicago River has committed these resources toward important ecological restoration activities that improve the health of the Chicago River and its surrounding watershed; and

WHEREAS, to date, Friends of the Chicago River has funded the restoration of over 100 acres of nesting habitat for at-risk populations of native turtles. Additionally, they have installed five osprey nesting platforms and six bat community houses on Forest Preserve property that support these important and iconic species in our region; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Chicago River also contributed resources to education programs such as the Chicago River Schools Network, and citizen science activities including the Gullywalkers, a program that engages volunteers to identify and find ways to repair gullies caused by poorly managed stormwater that damage the health of the river and the preserves; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Chicago River plays a key role in the Centennial Volunteers initiative that connects people from throughout Cook County in stewardship activities at numerous forest preserves along the North Branch and Little Calumet Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Friend of the Chicago River has been successfully inspiring and engaging people to adopt a stewardship ethic through numerous outreach activities including the annual Chicago River Day, as well as by offering paddling and other outdoor recreation activities; and

WHEREAS, in one year alone, 2017, Friends of the Chicago River contributed \$750,000 in raised funds, staff time, programs costs, volunteer time, and materials directly to the Forest Preserves. These contributions were generously made at no cost to the Forest Preserves, leveraging years of supplemental collaboration benefitting the wildlife and riverine habitats of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Chicago River has been an exemplary partner to the Forest Preserves for decades sharing knowledge, expertise, time and energy to enhance the ecological health of the preserves and to inspire people of all ages to become advocates for nature; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the significant contributions and investment Friends of the Chicago River has made to the Forest Preserves and Chicago River corridor as a whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Friends of the Chicago River as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves and the residents of Cook County.