

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

OCTOBER 8, 2014

**(RECESSED AND RECONVENED OCTOBER 21, 2014, OCTOBER 27, 2014,
NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AND NOVEMBER 19, 2014)**

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at the hour of 3:15 P.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, to consider the 2015 Executive Budget being made available for public inspection and the schedule of meetings for the purpose of conducting budgetary hearings.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: President Preckwinkle and Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Moore, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Tobolski (15)

ABSENT: Commissioners Fritchey and Reyes (2)

The following notices were distributed prior to commencement of the meeting:

October 8, 2014

NOTICE

The Finance Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners has scheduled the meetings listed below for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the proposed 2015 Executive Budget.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, October 21, 2014	6:00 P.M.	Markham Sixth District Courthouse 16501 S. Kedzie Parkway, Room 098 Markham, Illinois
Monday, October 27, 2014	6:00 P.M.	Skokie Second District Courthouse 5600 Old Orchard Road, Room 201 Skokie, Illinois
Tuesday, November 18, 2014	1:00 P.M.	Cook County Building 118 North Clark Street, Room 569 Chicago, Illinois

The public may testify at these meetings. Persons wishing to testify should go to <http://fpdcc.com/2015budget/> to register as a public speaker. You may also register over the telephone at (312) 603-6127 or in person at 118 N. Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, Illinois. You can register at any of the locations listed above at the time of the meeting. Each organization will be limited to one speaker. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If a speaker has written testimony or any additional material for the committee to consider, speakers are requested to bring 20 copies of those and email those to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

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NOTICE

The proposed 2015 Executive Budget, prepared in tentative form, is available for public inspection at the locations listed below, beginning October 10, 2014. The proposed 2015 Executive Budget will be available for public viewing on the following website, beginning October 10, 2014:

<http://fpdcc.com/downloads/FPCC-FINAL-BUDGET-RECOMMENDATION-2015-WEB.pdf>

Forest Preserve District of Cook County General Headquarters, 536 N. Harlem, General Office, Third Floor, River Forest, Illinois, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Secretary to the Board's Office, Room 436, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Second District Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Third District Courthouse, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Fourth District Courthouse, 1500 South Maybrook Drive, Maywood, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Fifth District Courthouse, 10220 South 76th Avenue, Bridgeview, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sixth District Courthouse, 16501 South Kedzie Parkway, Markham, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

October 8, 2014

NOTICE AND AGENDA

The Finance Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners has scheduled the meeting listed below in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting departmental reviews on the proposed 2015 Executive Budget. Changes and updates to this schedule will be posted on <http://fpdcc.com/2015budget/>

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Departmental Presentations, Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Gardens	Tuesday, November 18, 2014	1:00 P.M.

Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, moved to adopt the schedule of hearings. The motion carried.

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Sixth District Courthouse.

October 21, 2014

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners reconvened its recessed meeting of October 8, 2014 on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the hour of 6:00 P.M. in the Sixth District Courthouse, 16501 S. Kedzie Pkwy., Courtroom 098, Markham, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2015 Executive Budget.

There were no speakers at this public hearing

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 6:00 P.M. on Monday, November 27, 2014 at the Second District Courthouse.

October 27, 2014

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners reconvened its recessed meetings of October 8, 2014, October 21, 2014 on Monday, October 27, 2014 at the hour of 6:00 P.M. in the Second District Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2015 Executive Budget.

The following individual offered testimony during the hearing:

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| 1. George Blakemore | Concerned Resident |
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Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the County Building, Board Room, Room 569.

November 18, 2014

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners has reconvened its recessed meetings of October 8, 2014, October 21, 2014, October 27, 2014, on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the hour of 1:00 P.M., in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Board Room, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2015 Executive Budget.

The following speakers offered testimony during the hearing:

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| 1. Amaris Alanis-Ribeiro | Chicago Botanic Garden |
| 2. Patricia Provenzano | Concerned Resident |
| 3. Benjamin Cox | Friends of the Forest Preserves |
| 4. Betsy Hands | Friends of the Chicago River |
| 5. Stacy Meyers | Openlands |
| 6. Luis Mendez | Chicago Zoological Society |
| 7. Skylar Carwell | Concerned Resident |
| 8. Matthew Mayer | Chicago Zoological Society |
| 9. Jerry Stoeckigt | Chicago Area Mountain Bikers |
| 10. Monique Ellington | Greencorps Chicago |
| 11. Henri Jordan | Greencorps Chicago |
| 12. Przemyslaw Gaczol | Concerned Resident |
| 13. Richard L. Martinez, Jr. | New 10th Ward Community Service Organization |
| 14. Laurence Msall | Civic Federation |
| 15. George Blakemore | Concerned Resident |

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the County Building, Board Room, Room 569.

November 18, 2014

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners has reconvened its recessed meetings of October 8, 2014, October 21, 2014, October 27, 2014, on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the hour of 1:00 P.M., in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Board Room, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting departmental reviews on the FY 2015 Executive Budget.

The following departments presented their budget during the hearing:

Brookfield Zoo,
Chicago Botanic Gardens

November 19, 2014

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners has reconvened its recessed meetings of October 8, 2014, October 21, 2014, October 27, 2014, November 18, 2014 on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the hour of 3:00 P.M., in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Board Room, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting departmental reviews on the FY 2015 Executive Budget.

No amendments were submitted to the FY 2015 Executive Budget.

Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Finance Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners recommend to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Appropriation Resolution. Vice Chairman Steele called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF 2015 ANNUAL
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**

Yeas: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, Garcia and Reyes (4)

The motion carried and the recommendation of the 2015 Annual Appropriation Resolution was **APPROVED**.

Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously on a voice-vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

Transcripts for the meetings referenced in this report are available in the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 436, Chicago, IL 60602.