



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Jacqui Ulrich, Director of the Conservation and Experiential Programming Department, Forest Preserves of Cook County

Position: Member of the Board

Department/Board/Commission: NeighborSpace Board of Directors

Effective date: 2/1/2021

Expiration date: Two (2) year term expiring 1/31/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests approval of the appointment of Jacqui Ulrich, Director of the Conservation and Experiential Programming Department (“CEP”) to the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace, an affiliate partner of the Forest Preserves. The previous appointee, Cynthia Moreno, former Director of CEP, retired from the Forest Preserves.

NeighborSpace is a nonprofit urban land trust in Chicago that preserves and sustains gardens on behalf of dedicated community groups. NeighborSpace owns and manages property so that community groups can focus on gardening. NeighborSpace-protected gardens give young and old alike an opportunity to get their hands in the earth and enjoy nature, right in their own neighborhoods.

CEP connects diverse audiences to nature through a wide range of educational and outdoor recreation experiences and is also responsible for community engagement and committed to developing relationships with citizens to energize them and connect them to nature. CEP works with program partners at the local level on programming, building relationships with groups to become long-term advocates, stewards and ambassadors of the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County, the City of Chicago, and the Chicago Park District worked together to establish NeighborSpace as a non-profit in 1997. These three (3) governmental agencies continue to provide leadership and financial support to protect community-managed open spaces in Chicago.

The Forest Preserves is also represented on the NeighborSpace Board by Commissioner Dennis Deer.