

FOREST PRESERVE BOARD AGENDA
118 N. CLARK STREET, COUNTY BOARD ROOM
JULY 1, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.

RESOLUTION

ITEM #1

TRANSMITTING A RESOLUTION FROM THE ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION RECOGNIZING THE DISTRICT'S DEDICATION OF DEER GROVE WEST AS THE 500TH SITE IN ILLINOIS TO RECEIVE NATURE PRESERVE DESIGNATION.

Resolution in Recognition of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County

WHEREAS, the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission recommends that Deer Grove West, owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, become the 500th site in the Illinois Nature Preserves System, and that upon signature of the Governor of Illinois, this worthy goal will be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission is world-renowned for assisting private and public landowners in protecting the State's most rare natural areas in perpetuity through voluntary dedication or registration of lands into the Illinois Nature Preserves System; and

WHEREAS, in 1916 Deer Grove was purchased by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and thus became the first forest preserve in Illinois and the first jewel in an emerald necklace of public forest preserves that now account for more than 68,000 acres, exceeding 11 percent of the land in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, 2009 is the 100th anniversary of Daniel Burnham's "**Plan of Chicago**" which became a blueprint for action by civic and government leaders and created a legacy of regional forest preserves; and

WHEREAS, Deer Grove West provides more than 1,000 acres of forest and wetland habitat for 394 native plant species, 8 State-endangered or threatened plant and animal species, and 18 species considered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as wildlife "in greatest need of conservation;" and

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WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, having more sites in the Illinois Nature Preserves System than any other landowner except the State of Illinois, has become the largest local partner with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission by dedicating nearly 5,000 acres as nature preserves, registering nearly 1,500 acres as land and water reserves, and recommending additional sites to the Illinois Nature Preserves System; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and stewardship of natural lands in order to retain their natural characteristics is as large a challenge for our new century as is protecting additional land; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County has renewed its commitment to manage Deer Grove West and much of its extensive holdings "in as near a natural condition as possible;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission commends the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for bringing Deer Grove West forward for dedication and protection as an Illinois nature preserve and celebrates its recommendation as the 500th site in the Illinois Nature Preserves System. The Commission cherishes the long and productive partnership with the Forest Preserve District, and looks forward to working with the District to protect, manage, and defend natural areas in Cook County today and for future generations.

By resolution of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, May 5, 2009.

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COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM #2

TRANSMITTING FOR RECEIVE AND FILE, THE DISTRICT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE APPEARANCE OF THE IHSA BASS TOURNAMENT ON "TIME ON THE WATER" (WWW.TIMEONTHewater.COM) A TELEVISION SHOW DEDICATED TO FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE UPPER MIDWEST.

A YOU TUBE POSTING REGARDING RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT SWALLOW CLIFF.

ITEM #3

TRANSMITTING FOR RECEIVE AND FILE, THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT ALONG WITH THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN RECENTLY HOSTED THE FORTH WORTH TEXAS NATURE CENTER AND REFUGE, FOR A LOOK AT THE DISTRICT'S VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, AND THE GARDEN'S NATIVE PLANT PROGRAM.

ITEM #4

TRANSMITTING FOR RECEIVE AND FILE, A STATUS REPORT ON THE DISTRICT'S HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.

ITEM #5

TRANSMITTING FOR RECEIVE AND FILE, THE 2009 SUMMER INTERNS PARTICIPATING IN THE PRESIDENT JOHN H. STROGER, JR., INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT VARIOUS FOREST PRESERVE FACILITIES.

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

ITEM #6

REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF PALATINE TO CONSTRUCT 250 FEET OF PAVED BICYCLE TRAIL WITHIN DEER GROVE PRESERVE, AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DUNDEE ROAD AND HICKS ROAD. NO COST TO THE DISTRICT. DISTRICT 14.

PROPOSED JOINT PURCHASING

ITEM #7

Pending Cook County Board approval on July 2, 2009, it is respectfully requested that authority be granted to enter into a two-year joint contract with the County of Cook for purchase of motor vehicle fuel from World Fuel Services, Inc-TEXOR Division for \$1,984,467.00, to be utilized District wide.

ITEM #8

Permission is requested to purchase (8) eight Trailer Mounted Arrow Boards from Millennium Products Inc. in a Joint Purchasing Agreement with the General Services Administration contract GS-07F-5791R. This equipment will be used District wide by the Maintenance Department. Not to exceed

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POLLING RESULTS

ITEM # 9

TRANSMITTING FOR RATIFICATION, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT CODE SECTION 4-2(A) THE BOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE POLL OF JUNE 15 & 16, 2009, TO CHANGE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED JULY 8, 2009 MEETING TO JULY 1, 2009.

YEAS: COMMISSIONER BEAVERS
COMMISSIONER BUTLER
COMMISSIONER COLLINS
COMMISSIONER DALEY
COMMISSIONER GAINER
COMMISSIONER GORMAN
COMMISSIONER GOSLIN
COMMISSIONER MALDONADO
COMMISSIONER MORENO
COMMISSIONER MURPHY
COMMISSIONER PERAICA
COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER
COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI
COMMISSIONER SIMS
COMMISSIONER STEELE
COMMISSIONER SUFFREDIN

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER CLAYPOOL-1

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ITEM #10

TRANSMITTING A RESOLUTION FROM THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROOKFIELD ZOO.

Sponsored by:

THE HONORABLE TODD H. STROGER, PRESIDENT

Co-Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, FORREST CLAYPOOL, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, ELIZABETH ANN DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, ROBERTO MALDONADO, JOSEPH MARIO MORENO, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ANTHONY J. PERAICA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Resolution in Recognition of the Brookfield Zoo's 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("FPDCC") is the proud landowner of the Brookfield Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Brookfield Zoo is celebrating 75 years of excellence as an international leader in zoology; and

WHEREAS, eighty-three acres of land were donated to the FPDCC by Edith Rockefeller McCormick for the purpose of creating a large, modern zoo for the people of Chicagoland; and

WHEREAS, along with this donation, the FPDCC contributed additional property, bringing the total acreage for the Zoo to around two-hundred acres; and

WHEREAS, in 1923, the Illinois General Assembly passed House Bill 817, which allowed a contract to be established between the FPDCC and the Chicago Zoological Society – a contract that has remained in place ever since and has resulted in a successful partnership; and

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WHEREAS, the FPDCC's Wilson Committee traveled extensively throughout Europe visiting many zoos with FPDCC engineer Emmett Flavin, spending nearly six months in Europe, working on plans for the new zoo with the Hagenbeck family, who provided dimensions for moats, rock formations, etc., that would give an artistic effect to what would become the first bar-less zoo in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo has welcomed more than 133 million people and has cared for more than 110,000 animals since it opened on July 1, 1934; and

WHEREAS, since then, the Zoo has become a potent economic engine, pumping more than \$150 million into the Illinois economy as well as supporting 2,000 jobs; a top tourism attraction with 2.1 annual visitors and 90,000 member households; an award-winning education institution working to cultivate the next generation of African American and Latino conservation leaders through innovative after school programs and personal career development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo reaches thousands of students, teachers, and families each year, focusing much of its educational programming in economically distressed, highly-urbanized areas while engaging and nurturing at risk-youth; establishing award-winning after school programs, teacher training, informal science and conservation education initiatives in communities throughout Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioners does hereby congratulate Chicago Zoological Society and the leadership and staff of the Brookfield Zoo on its 75th anniversary and its limitless future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution be presented to Dr. George Rabb, Director Emeritus; Mr. Fred Krehbiel, Chairman of the Board; and Dr. Stuart Strahl, President and CEO.

Approved and adopted this first day of July, 2009.

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ITEM #11

COMMISSIONER GOSLIN SUBMITTING FOR APPROVAL, A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN OPEN SPACE REFERENDUM.

Open Space Referendum

WHEREAS, the Cook County Forest Preserve District's current Land Acquisition Plan calls for the expenditure of over 85% of the Land Acquisition Fund, currently about \$21 million, in FY 2009/2010 for the purchase of land; and

WHEREAS, tracts of natural lands appropriate for Forest Preserve purposes, are quickly diminishing; and

WHEREAS, Cook County FPD land holdings currently total 68,000 acres, short of the 75,000 acres authorized under State law; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Forest Preserve District's subsequent land acquisition plan lists approximately 2,500 acres of property it would like to acquire at a cost between \$125 and \$200 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current market is conducive to the purchase of additional land; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Forest Preserve District will need additional money to be able to purchase more land to add to its holdings beyond FY 2010; and

WHEREAS, successful referendums for forest preserve land acquisition have passed in the collar counties including Lake County in November, 2008 for \$185 million; Kendall County in April, 2007 for \$45 million; Kane County in April, 2007 for \$85 million; DuPage County in November, 2006 for \$68.5 million and all passed with at least 65% of the vote; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Forest Preserve District has consistently retired between \$7 and \$8 million dollars in bonds every year for the past eight years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners will establish a Ballot Referendum for Forest Preserve land acquisition, with an amount to be determined, as per the Illinois State Statutes 10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2, and ask the Citizens of Cook County on the February 2, 2010 election ballot to decide whether the Cook County Forest Preserve District should go out for additional bonds for land acquisition.

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COMMUNICATION

ITEM #12

TRANSMITTING A REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER GORMAN THAT COMMUNICATION #091469 (VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK – 143RD STREET IMPROVEMENT), REFERRED TO COMMITTEE AT THE MAY 6, 2009 MEETING, BE DISCHARGED FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

COMMITTEE REPORT

ITEM #13

FINANCE.....JULY 1, 2009

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Forest Preserve District is set for September 2, 2009.