

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

OCTOBER 27, 2011

(RECESSED AND RECONVENED NOVEMBER 1, 2011, NOVEMBER 8, 2011,
DECEMBER 1, 2011 AND DECEMBER 15, 2011)

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 Thursday, October 27, 2011, at the hour of 10:30 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, to consider the 2012 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 Beavers, Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (17)

ABSENT: None (0)

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

NOTICE

October 27, 2011

The proposed 2012 Executive Budget, prepared in tentative form, is available for public inspection at the locations listed below, beginning October 28, 2011. The proposed 2012 Executive Budget will be available for public viewing on the following website, beginning October 28, 2011: <http://fpdcc.com/about/resources/2012-budget-proposal>

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.

NOTICE

October 27, 2011

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 2012 Executive Budget. Changes and updates to this schedule will be posted on <http://fpdcc.com/about/resources/2012-budget-proposal>

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Departmental Presentations, Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Gardens	Thursday, December 1, 2011	1:00 P.M.

In the event that additional time is required beyond the scheduled reserve day, a supplemental schedule will be distributed.

NOTICE

October 27, 2011

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 2012 Executive Budget.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, November 1, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Second District Courthouse 5600 Old Orchard Road, Conf. Rm. 201 Skokie, Illinois
Tuesday, November 8, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Sixth District Courthouse 16501 S. Kedzie Pkwy., Courtroom 098 Markham, Illinois

Thursday,
December 1, 2011

2:30 P.M.

Cook County Building
118 N. Clark St., Board Room, Rm. 569
Chicago, Illinois

The public may testify at these meetings. Persons wishing to testify should go to the Secretary to the Board website at <http://tinyurl.com/65errxw> 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 436, 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. Speakers are requested to submit 30 copies of any written statement to the committee prior to speaking.

Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to adopt the schedule of hearings. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 in the Second District Courthouse.

November 1, 2011

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners reconvened its recessed meeting of October 27, 2011, November 1, 2011, November 8, 2011, and December 1, 2011, on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the hour of 5:30 P.M. in the Second District Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2012 Executive Budget.

The following people offered testimony during the hearing:

1. Barb Kreski Director Horticulture Services, Chicago Botanic Garden
2. Aaron Serrano Windy City Harvest Program, Chicago Botanic Garden
3. George Blakemore Concerned Citizen (Also Speaking at Markham & Cook County Building)
4. Michael Lorge Greater Chicago Jewish Festival

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 in the Sixth District Courthouse, Courtroom 098.

November 8, 2011

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners reconvened its recessed meeting of October 27, 2011, November 1, 2011, November 8, 2011, and December 1, 2011, on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the hour of 5:30 P.M. in the Sixth District Courthouse, 16501 S. Kedzie Pkwy., Markham, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2012 Executive Budget.

The following department presented its budget during the hearing:

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| 1. Reneldia Gardner | Grower for Green Use Farm, Chicago Botanic Garden |
| 2. Mark Findlay | Volunteer, Chicago Botanic Garden |
| 3. Audrey Fischer | One Star at a Time/Global Star Park Network. Chicago
Astronomical Society |
| 4. Pat Provenzano | Palos Horsemen's Association |
| 5. George Blakemore | Concerned Citizen (Skokie) |

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 1, 2011 in the County Building, Board Room, Room 569.

December 1, 2011

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners has reconvened its recessed meeting of October 27, 2011 on Thursday, December 1, 2011, 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 2012 Executive Budget.

The following departments presented their budget during the hearing:

Brookfield Zoo
Chicago Botanic Gardens

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 2:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 1, 2011 in the County Building, Board Room, Room 569.

December 1, 2011

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners reconvened its recessed meeting of October 27, 2011, November 1, 2011, November 8, 2011, and December 1, 2011, on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the hour of 2:30 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 2012 Executive Budget.

The following people offered testimony during the hearing:

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| 1. Stacey Meyers | Openlands |
| 2. Laurel Ross | Urban Conservation Director, Field Museum |
| 3. Darius Jones | Windy City Harvest Program, Chicago Botanic Garden |
| 4. Gina Pantone | Manager of Volunteers, Chicago Botanic Garden |
| 5. Jeffrey Coath | U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| 6. Pete Leki | Waters Elementary School |
| 7. Citalli Moran | Waters Elementary School |
| 8. Maria Esther Cardenas | Waters Elementary School |
| 9. Jean Guarino | Thatcher Woods, Savanna Restoration Project |

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| 10. Bill Joyce | Chief of Police, South Chicago Heights |
| 11. William Glisson | Kane County FPD Police |
| 12. Benjamin Cox | Friends of the Forest Preserve |
| 13. Michael Gaffney | Illinois Department of Agriculture |
| 14. Laurence Msall | The Civic Federation |
| 15. Audrey Fisher | One Star at a Time |
| 16. George Blakemore | Concerned Citizen |
| 17. Reverend Dr. Flowers | West Side Ministers Coalition |
| 18. Patricia Tobias | Chicago Zoological Society's Latino Advisory Board |
| 19. Karen Selman | Friends of Spring Creek Forest Preserve |
| 20. Jeffrey Gilbert | Concerned Citizen |
| 21. Ben Helphand | Neighborspace |
| 22. Marianne Kozlowski | Concerned Citizen |
| 23. Pat Provenzano | Palos Trail Rider |

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 15, 2011 in the County Building, Board Room, Room 569.

DECEMBER 8, 2011

The meeting of the Finance Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners of **October 27, 2011**, recessed and reconvened on **November 1, 2011, November 8, 2011, and December 1, 2011** will reconvene on **Thursday, December 15, 2011** at the hour of **1:00 P.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, to consider the proposed 2012 Executive Budget, and any amendments thereto. Additional information about the proposed 2012 Executive Budget is available at www.fpdcc.com

Your Committee commenced consideration of the amendments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

AMENDMENT #1

Sponsor: Commissioner Goslin

Budgetary Units: Planning & Development

Description: Technical Amendment: Position Classification error

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved approval of Amendment #1. On a voice-vote, the motion carried and Amendment #1 was APPROVED.

AMENDMENT #2

Sponsor: Commissioner Goslin
Budgetary Units: Recreation, Volunteer Resources and Permits
Description: Technical Amendment: Software linkage error

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved approval of Amendment #2. On a voice-vote, the motion carried and Amendment #2 was APPROVED.

AMENDMENT #3

Sponsor: Commissioner Goslin
Budgetary Unit: Capital Improvement Fund
Description: Technical Amendment: Line item reallocation

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved approval of Amendment #3. On a voice-vote, the motion carried and Amendment #3 was APPROVED.

Commissioner Schneider, 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 2012 Annual Appropriation Resolution, as amended. Commissioner Schneider called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

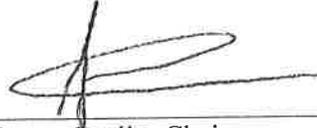
**ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF 2012 ANNUAL
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED**

Yeas: Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin, Tobolski and Chairman Goslin (14)
Nays: None (0)
Absent: Commissioners Collins, Sims and Vice Chairman Steele (3)

The motion carried and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was APPROVED.

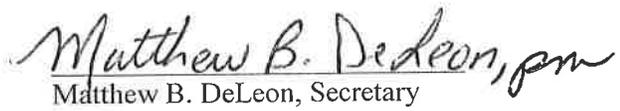
Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously on a voice-vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Finance



Gregg Goslin, Chairman

Attest:



Matthew B. DeLeon, 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 567, Chicago, IL 60602.