



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY
COMMISSION RETREAT
COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN MINUTES

Monday, December 4, 2023

9:00 AM

*Barbara Belding Lodge Brewster Creek Forest
Preserve*

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Commission annual retreat was held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Barbara Belding Lodge, Brewster Creek Forest Preserve. President Chris Kious opened the retreat for purposes of presentation and discussion at 9:00AM.

II. Roll Call

President Chris Kious	Present
Commissioner Deborah Allan	Present (Arrived at 9:50 AM)
Commissioner Mavis Bates	Present (Arrived at 9:05 AM)
Commissioner Dale Berman	Absent
Commissioner Gary Daugherty	Absent
Commissioner Mark Davoust	Present
Commissioner Ron Ford	Absent
Commissioner Michelle Gumz	Present
Commissioner Mo Iqbal	Present (Departed at 12 PM)
Commissioner Leslie Juby	Present
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Absent
Commissioner Bill Lenert	Present (Departed at 1:33 PM)
Commissioner Anita Lewis	Present
Commissioner Mike Linder	Absent
Commissioner Myrna Molina	Present (Arrived at 9:06 AM)
Commissioner Bill Roth	Present
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Absent
Commissioner Monica Silva	Absent
Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann	Present
Commissioner Clifford Surges	Absent
Commissioner Bill Tarver	Absent
Commissioner Vern Tepe	Absent
Commissioner Rick Williams	Present (Departed at 1:15 PM)
Commissioner Dave Young	Absent

Others Present:

Exec. Dir. Haberthur; Chief of Planning & Land Mgmt. Rooks-Lopez; Dir. of Operations Pentecost; CFO Petschke; Dir. NRM Chess; Comm. Affairs Dir. Metanchuk; Chief of Police Burger; Exec. Assistant & Recording Secretary Figliozzi.

III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to 3 minutes)

None.

IV. Comprehensive Master Plan 2025-Smith Group

This portion of the retreat was interactive; Smith Group reviewed and asked the following questions with the board providing input on each topic.

1. *Initial analysis exhibits based on published demographic data*
2. *Board mapping the 6 possible facilities for architectural evaluation*
3. *Board mapping the 19 possible properties*
 - *Ask the board to prioritize their preferred 6 for on the ground evaluation*
4. *Engagement boards (6):*
 - *Goal setting*
 - *Keep Toss Grow Create*
 - *Planning themes*
 - *District spending prioritization*
 - *Most important Land Management Challenges*
 - *Most important visitor experiences: issues and concerns*

Discussions were held.

V. 2024 Update to the 2015 Comprehensive Master Plan

Lunch was provided at 12PM during staff presentations and discussion.

A. Finance

CFO Petschke provided a PowerPoint presentation on the District's Finance fund balances. He discussed investment returns, grant reimbursements, referendum and non-referendum monies. Questions were answered.

B. Capital Projects

Executive Dir. Haberthur referenced the packet provided to the Commissioners. The packet included 19 capital projects. Dir. Haberthur emphasized on key projects, specifically the 100th Anniversary Improvements at Johnson's Mound. He provided information of the project, noting that the District would celebrate the 100th year anniversary with a tree planting and a 35-acre restoration to the first property acquired by the District. Commissioners reviews the list of projects, questions were answered.

C. Wight Co. Presentation

Wight Co. staff provided a PowerPoint presentation for the settler's hill golf course clubhouse. The conceptual plan included current state and best practice for ADA compliance from unloading to returning. Conversations included renumbering the course to placement of the clubhouse. Commissioners discussed the feasibility of construction, funding for the project and future revenue from events held at the clubhouse.

VI. Adjournment

The retreat adjourned at 1:41PM

The 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan will be made available electronically and hard copy per request, additionally, the report will be posted on the District's website.