

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee Meeting,  
Monday, January 4, 2016**

The Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee met Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Lake County Forest Preserves, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

- 1.0 **Call to Order** -With a quorum present, Chairman Craig Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Craig Taylor, *Chair*  
Mary Ross Cunningham, *Vice Chair*  
Chuck Bartels  
Steve Carlson  
Audrey Nixon  
S. Michael Rummel  
Jeff Werfel

**Also Present:**

Ann B. Maine, <i>President</i>	Steve Neaman
Linda Pedersen	Mary Kann
Terry Wilke	Jim Ballowe
Steven Mandel	John Nelson
Tom Weber	Jim Anderson
Bonnie Thomson-Carter	Andrew Osborne
Alex Ty Kovach	Rebekah Snyder
Mike Tully	Gloria Lopez
Nan Buckardt	Maureen Clausen
Katherine Hamilton-Smith	Matt Norton, <i>Holland &amp; Knight</i>

**Absent:**

Brent Paxton  
Nick Sauer

- 2.0 **Pledge Of Allegiance** – Committee Chair Craig Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3.0 **Public Comment**–There was no public comment.

- 4.0 **Addenda to the Agenda** – There were no addenda to the agenda.

- 5.0 **Executive Director Comments**- Executive Director Kovach provided updates on the following:

- The District received PDRMA’s highest loss control award – “A Level” accreditation;
- Preservation Foundation fundraising and major actions undertaken;
- Received private gift of \$54,000 to support the First Folio Shakespeare exhibition;
- Information learned during recent tour of University of Illinois Archives;
- Opening reception for the First Folio exhibition on February 3;
- PACE postcard art competition opens on January 9;
- Committee of the Whole will be scheduled for February 4 following the Finance Committee, seeking input from Commissioners and partners on the GIV;
- LCDOT projects coming up that could have an impact on the Forest Preserves;
- Lunch & Learn today by Jim Anderson about GIV;
- January 28 joint committee meeting of Planning and Finance Committees.

- 6.0 **Correspondence** – None

- 7.0 **Approve Minutes**

- 7.1 **Approve Open & Closed Session Minutes from November 2, 2015.** Motion by Nixon, second by Rummel. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

## 8.0 New Business

- 8.1 Recommend adoption of an Ordinance approving a new License Agreement with the Chicago Horticultural Society for Operation of the Green Youth Farm in Lake County at Greenbelt Forest Preserve. – Director Buckardt gave a summary of the Recommendation. Motion by Nixon, second by Rummel to approve the item as presented. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and the item was circulated for signatures.
- 8.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 to the WeatherstonBruer Associates Contract for Architectural Services for the Archives and Collections Storage Area at the General Offices. - Director Buckardt gave a summary of the Recommendation. Motion by Ross Cunningham, second by Bartels to approve the item as presented. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and the item was circulated for signatures.
- 8.3 Presentation on the New Committee Room Design was given by Director Ballowe. A general discussion ensued. Director Ballowe to make revisions to the design plan as directed by President Maine and members of the Committee.

## 9.0 Old Business

- 9.1 Policy direction requested on whether to maintain, improve, replace, or remove certain District-owned buildings. Director Nelson gave a presentation summarizing the Planning and Restoration Committee's recommendations for the following buildings:
- Almond Marsh-Former Planning Office: License with Conserve Lake County (CLC) would not be renewed after 5/31/2017; Building would be removed; work with CLC for transition plan.
  - Almond Marsh-Deer Processing Facility: Maintain; this is a purpose-built building.
  - Brae Loch-Four buildings: Maintain.
  - Countryside-Clubhouse: Maintain.
  - Fourth Lake-Wildlife Science Center: Remove; current wildlife management program would be relocated.
  - Fox River-Launch office and gatehouse: Maintain.
  - General Offices Building: Maintain.
  - Grainger Woods-Complex of seven structures: Maintain until current license agreement expires end of 2021; would not seek renewal of the license. Member Rummel noted that the District needs to be careful about this and to work with the licensee because they have invested their own money into improving the buildings. A general discussion ensued and President Maine noted that the District will reach out to any licensees impacted by these long-term plans.
  - Heron Creek-garage, barn and silo: Maintain garage for Operations use; remove barn and silo. A further discussion occurred in regards to preserving some of the barns.
  - Lakewood-list of nine structures: Remove Gilmer Road silo; maintain duplex (temporary housing), granary, barn, pump house, horse barn, valve house, bat shelter and Shelter E bathrooms; these would be re-examined during the master planning process.
  - Nippersink- Maintenance Shop and Wellhouse: Maintain.
  - Old School-Maintenance shop and storage bins: Maintain.
  - Pine Dunes-McClure House/Barn: Maintain; includes a staff residence area. Utilize for storage space and relocation of wildlife science program currently at Fourth Lake.
  - Prairie Stream-Buildings A-B-C-D: Remove A-B-C-D; The function of Building D to relocate to Prairie Stream. During discussion committee members requested to

work with Licensee of Building C, the Farm Heritage Association. A general discussion occurred in regards to the costs of maintaining buildings during this discussion Chief Operations Officer Tully clarified that we have License Agreements and these Agreements can only be for General Forest Preserves purposes.

- Prairie Stream-Route 45 Storage Barn: Maintain; licensed to Lake County Sheriff and Health departments.
- Rollins Savanna-Kiosk and storage shed: Maintain.
- Singing Hills-Barn/silo: Remove.
- Van Patten Woods-Model airplane storage shed: Maintain.
- Bonner Farm-Complex structures: Maintain; Director Hamilton-Smith gave a brief background of this farm complex. A discussion ensued on the pros and cons.
- Ryerson Woods-Barns, residence and two cabins: Maintain barns and residence, and improve barns. Remove both cabins after the barn is renovated as classrooms.
- Ryerson Woods-Brushwood and two sheds: Maintain for now; work with licensee to determine future needs.

10.0 **Department Reports**

10.1 Education Report - Director Buckardt, gave a PowerPoint presentation on programs, projects, activities and exhibits.

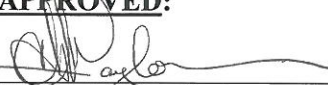
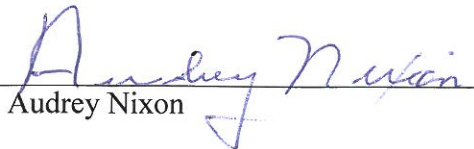



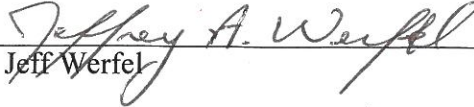

10.2 Public Affairs Report- Director Hamilton-Smith reported on what Public Affairs is promoting and/or has participated in within the District.

11.0 **Executive Session** – Motion by Carlson, second by Rummel, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing: Review of Closed Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following votes: AYES: 7; NAYS: 0. the committee went into executive session at 10:32 am and returned to open session at 10:34 am.

12.0 **Next Meeting** – February 1, 2016

13.0 **Adjourn** - With no further business; motion by Ross Cunningham, second by Carlson to adjourn. Voice vote had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 am.

**APPROVED:**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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