



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 10:00 AM

Fourth Set

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Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT CENTER CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

WHEREAS, the Glenview Park District Park Center has provided a space where the community can learn about the future, discover the past, take up a new sport, or enjoy the outdoors for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Park Center is a prairie-style multi-purpose community center in the heart of The Glen on the shores of Lake Glenview; and

WHEREAS, the Park Center is one of the largest in the state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, visitors to the Park Center enjoy basketball, dance, parent-tot, swimming, running, fitness, aerobics, softball, flag football, basketball, volleyball, sand volleyball, preschool, theatre, ceramics, and fine arts; and

WHEREAS, the Park Center has won multiple awards including: the Illinois Park & Recreation Association's award for Outstanding Multiple Use Facility in 2001, the American Institute for Architects (AIA) Northeast Illinois Chapter Excellence Award in 2001, and the Chicago Building Congress Merit Award for New Construction/Suburbs in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Splash Landings Indoor Aquatic Complex within the Park Center is rated as the best indoor water park in the north shore by North Shore Magazine; and

WHEREAS, the Perk Center Cafe, located in the lobby of the Park Center, is a non-profit food service concept whose focus is to train and employ individuals with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the two-story Park Center is located on the at the end of a former runway of the Glenview Naval Air Station and is part of the 140-acre public "Admiral Gallery" Park; and

WHEREAS, a multi-roomed preschool, arts, and seniors' wings, a wellness center, lap and multi-use pools, a triple court gymnasium, a mini gym, an aerobics center, and locker rooms are located on the first floor; and

WHEREAS, the second floor features a running track open to the gym and overlooking Lake Glenview, a large activity wing, a state-of-the-art 10,500-square-foot health and fitness center, office space, locker rooms, and dance areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Glenview Park District, which has served the community for more than 90 years, selected the site for Park Center and raised the funds to build it; and

WHEREAS, the Glenview Senior Club donated \$180,000 and the Glenview Park District Foundation contributed \$100,000 for Park Center artwork, including World War II biplane replicas; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Park Center is part of the Glenview Park District's roadmap for the responsible and continual improvement of their parks and recreation system, and the Park District listened carefully to the community when shaping the vision, implementation and the launching of the Park District Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the profound impact the Glenview Park District Park Center has on all its residents, young and mature, and commends the Glenview Park District for their commitment to high-quality parks and recreation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the past 20 years of the Glenview Park District Park Center meeting today's recreation demands, and for remaining relevant into the future.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLENVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Glenview Public Library is the heart of the community with a mission to provide access to the world of information and ideas through collections, programs and services for Glenview's vibrant, diverse community; and

WHEREAS, in 1930, the midst of the Great Depression, the small Glenview community of about 2,000 voted to transform an empty room in the basement of the Glenview Civic Building into a library, over the other choice of a public gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, less than half an hour down the road, the city of Evanston already had a well-established library in place and the two communities partnered to allow Glenview to borrow up to 1,000 books each year from Evanston; and

WHEREAS, the Glenview Public Library opened to the public on March 2, 1931 with 398 books on the shelves, donated from residents and local civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, trained librarian Ruth Hubbell was chosen as Glenview's first director for her extensive

library education; and

WHEREAS, it also helped that Director Hubbell had a car, as there were up to 90 requests for books each week and Ruth had to drive between Glenview and Evanston to collect and return books to keep up with the interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Glenview Library have served the Library's mission with tireless dedication and thoughtful vision since 1939; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, land at Washington Street and Glenview Road was secured and, with the completion of the dedicated library in 1955, the library's collection of 14,000 books were moved with the assistance of children in scouting; and

WHEREAS, during the expansion years of 1960-1989, the library added to its collections and technology: the first copier was introduced in 1964 and a new addition was added in 1968 to house 110,000 more volumes; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the Glenview Public Library housed and impressive 425 periodical subscriptions, and telephone books for major cities across the U.S. and Europe; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 librarians digitized the circulation system in only four months, and were able to quickly get statistics on what materials were the most popular, automatically print overdue notices, complete check-ins and check-outs faster, and communicate with other libraries in the area with the same computer system to electronically share inventory; and

WHEREAS, during the innovation years of 1990-2020, the library brought in CDs, and DVDs;

WHEREAS, in 1996 Poet Laureate of Illinois Gwendolyn Brooks did a reading and book signing for 400 visitors in the Glenview Public Library; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the new 85,000 square foot Glenview Public Library building was completed and over 285,000 print items and 40,000 audio visuals were moved to the new location; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the profound impact the Glenview Public Library has on the Glenview community by offering over 1,200 programs each year and hosting an average of 360,000 visitors annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the illustrious community history of the library as a place to gather, to learn, and to educate, and looks forward to 90 more years of the Glenview Public Library serving their Glenview residents and neighbors.