

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

11:30 AM

### REGULAR MEETING

Hamilton (Alexander) Park

513 West 72nd Street

Chicago, IL 60621

## Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Jose M. Munoz*

*Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg*

*Commissioner Robert Castaneda*

*Commissioner Sean Garrett*

*Commissioner Philip Jackson*

*Vice President Modesto Valle*

*President Myetie H. Hamilton*

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the REGULAR BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 11:30 A.M. at Hamilton Park located at 513 West 72nd Street, Chicago, IL 60621.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call  
General Business  
Approval of the Minutes  
Acknowledging Excellence  
People in the Parks  
New Business  
Adjournment

### **By order of President Myetie H. Hamilton**

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.), the Chicago Park District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or admission/access to programs and activities.

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**Myetie H. Hamilton**  
**President**

**Sarah Gelder**  
**Secretary**

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Roll Call

A Roll Call was made and the following Commissioners were found to be in attendance:

**Present:** 6 - President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg, Commissioner Robert Castaneda and Commissioner Sean Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Philip Jackson

## 1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[24-1067-061](#)

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### RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER TELLI FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Resolution-Honoring

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)

The Secretary read the Resolution Honoring Commissioner Andrea Telli into the record.

The Board of Commissioners applauded Commissioner Telli for her years of service, and Commissioner Telli made remarks in reflection of her tenure on the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Vice President Valle, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

[24-1068-061](#)

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### RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER WALKER FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Resolution-Honoring

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)

The Secretary read the Resolution Honoring Commissioner Sharif Walker into the record.

The Board of Commissioners applauded Commissioner Walker for his years of

service, and Commissioner Walker made remarks in reflection of his tenure on the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Vice President Valle, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

**24-1086-061**

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**CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2023  
ANNUAL TAX LEVY ABATEMENT WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK  
AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

**Sponsors:** Treasurer

**Indexes:** Certificate of Filing

This Certificate was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

**24-1101-061**

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**FILING OF THE BOND ORDERS FOR THE SERIES 2024A BONDS,  
THE SERIES 2024B BONDS, AND THE SERIES 2024E BONDS**

**Sponsors:** Treasurer

**Indexes:** Bond Order Filing

This Certificate was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

**24-1102-061**

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**AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF PARTIAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE  
\$27,665,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING  
BONDS, SERIES 2015D (PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAX  
ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE)**

**Sponsors:** Treasurer

**Indexes:** Certificate of Filing

This Certificate was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

**24-1103-061**

**2**

**AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF PARTIAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR  
GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS, SERIES 2023A**

**Sponsors:** Treasurer

**Indexes:** Certificate of Filing

This Certificate was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**24-1091-061****2**

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR  
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 2024**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Munoz,  
that the Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

**3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:****24-1087-061****2**

**RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS OF STAFF  
SUPPORTING CHICAGO'S NEW ARRIVALS**

**Sponsors:** Office of General Superintendent and Community Recreation

**Indexes:** Presentation

Mike Merchant, Chief of Strategy and Engagement; Jim Sifuentes, South Region Director; Farah Tunks, Central Region Director; and Stacey Anti, North Region Director, gave a presentation in recognition of the outstanding efforts of staff supporting Chicago's new migrant arrivals.

The following staff were also in attendance and recognized by the Board:

Pam Witmer, Director of Policy

Phil Hampton, South Region Area Manager

Brandon Cotton, Park Supervisor at Ping Tom Memorial Park

Nintha Serano, Recreation Leader at Piotrowski Park

Veronica Bello, Attendant at Piotrowski Park

Kiala Moore, North Region Area Manager

Teresa Wooldridge, Park Supervisor at Brands Park

Tony Fitzgerald, North Region Area Manager

Mike Floyd, Park Supervisor at Broadway Armory Park

Andrea Woppel, Park Supervisor at Thomas Jefferson Memorial Park

Nelly Agosto, Attendant at Thomas Jefferson Memorial Park

**4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:****24-1092-061****2**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**JUNE 12, 2024**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety concerns as well as programming and park maintenance needs in Douglass Park, and requested pool access and community feedback initiatives)
2. Martin Velasco (Addressed positive impacts of Riot Fest and requested lower rates for porta pottys during soccer events in Douglass Park)
3. Hector Escobar (Addressed positive impacts of and improvements made by Riot Fest and requested reinstated partnership between Riot Fest and the Chicago Park District)
4. Florina Florea (Addressed support for the relocation of Riot Fest and requested various improvements in Douglass Park)
5. Rachel Azzarello (Addressed concerns around Riot Fest and requested more suitable locations for large scale events)
6. Eric Lindsay (Addressed positive impacts of Riot Fest and concerns around the relocation of the festival)
7. Derek Brown (Addressed positive impacts of Riot Fest and requested a reinstated partnership between Riot Fest and the Chicago Park District)
8. Ana Solano (Addressed various concerns related to mega festivals held in public parks)
9. Joann Williams (Requested improvements at LeClaire Hearst Park)
10. Kenneth Newman (Addressed advertisement revenue opportunities, support for the relocation of Riot Fest, and requested improvements and maintenance work at various parks)
11. Walter Turner (Requested amendments to the Lincoln Park Tennis Association membership policy)
12. Gin Kilgore (Acknowledged the positive efforts of staff and community members and requested improvements to the communication process between Park District staff and the public)
13. Pastor Doyle (Acknowledged Hamilton Park staff for the Safe Summer Kickoff event)

Apriel Campbell and Marlon Harvey registered to speak, but were unavailable for comment.

Written Testimony was received from Mitch McNeil, Wenceslao Garcia, Sara Heymann, Allie Othman, Stephanie Martinez, Clayton Bond, Rebecca Wolfram, Maureen Kelleher, Karina Solano, Shannon Kephart, Simone Alexander, Jonathon Haven, Jessica Vergara, Susan Mullen, Kelli Citro, Ceci Quinones, Jacob Marshall, Michael Torres, Margaret Heraty, Veronica Rodriguez, Lucas Strom, Zitlalli Paez, Esmeralda Hernandez, Matthew Lang, and Andrea Munoz.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**[24-1078-061](#)[2](#)**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS -  
RIOT FEST****Sponsors:** Revenue**Indexes:** Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit**Attachments:** [Exhibit A](#)

President Hamilton stated for the record that the Board would not be voting on Provisional Approval of Riot Fest in light of Riot Fest's recent announcement that they will not be moving forward with holding the festival in Douglass Park in 2023. No action was taken.

[24-1093-061](#)[2](#)**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS -  
EL GRITO FEST****Sponsors:** Revenue**Indexes:** Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit**Attachments:** [Exhibit A](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

[24-1094-061](#)[2](#)**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JL  
CORPORATION D/B/A HARRY'S LUMBER CORPORATION FOR THE  
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS  
AND SUPPLIES DISTRICTWIDE  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23006****Sponsors:** Facility Management**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Victoria Cordova, Assistant Director of Facility Management, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Vice President Valle, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

[24-1099-061](#)

[2](#)

**AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY 0.36 ACRES OF  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 714-726 NORTH KEDZIE AVENUE FROM  
THE CITY OF CHICAGO FOR THE EXPANSION OF KELLS (GEORGE)  
PARK #1040**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Land Acquisition

**Attachments:** [Ordinance](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

[24-1100-061](#)

[2](#)

**AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY 1.20 ACRES OF  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10541 SOUTH ABERDEEN STREET FROM  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND/OR  
THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION FOR THE EXPANSION OF  
ROBINSON (JACKIE) PARK #236**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Land Acquisition

**Attachments:** [Ordinance](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

[24-1096-061](#)

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**REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD  
TO NAME PARK NO. 599 AS WEST EDGEWATER GREEN PARK**

**Sponsors:** Office of General Superintendent

**Indexes:** Park Renaming-Phase I, 45 Day Notice Period



Pam Witmer, Director of Policy, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

[24-1097-061](#)

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**AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION TO  
SHARE INVESTIGATION INFORMATION REGARDING  
ALLEGATIONS OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT**

**Sponsors:** Office of Prevention and Accountability and Law Department

**Indexes:** Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)

Heather Keil, Acting General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Paz Brownrigg, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

[24-1098-061](#)

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**SETTLEMENT OF GAYLORD MINETT AND TAMIKA MINETT AS  
PARENTS OF ANDEN MINETT V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
CASE NO. 2021 L 003172**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Settlement Agreement

A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson

## 6. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Vice President Valle, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Hamilton, Munoz, Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Castaneda and Garrett

**Absent:** 1 - Jackson