

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, July 16, 2021

11:30 AM

Virtual Regular Board Meeting

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https://rebrand.ly/CPD_Live_Board_Meeting_7-16-21 YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/3GIL0pmQeYs>

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Donald Edwards

Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky

Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

Commissioner Myetie H. Hamilton

Commissioner Modesto Valle

Vice President Tim King

President Avis LaVelle

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Section A of the Code of the Chicago Park District and due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, Chicago Park District staff, and members of the public, NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Board Meeting of the Commissioners of the Chicago Park District will be held remotely on July 16, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

To protect the public's health and in adherence with Senate Bill 2135, Article 15, Section 15-5 and the Amended Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120 Section (7) Subsection (e), (4) and in continued adherence of the Governor's Order which includes social distancing guidelines, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-07 and Covid-19 Executive Order No. 83, the District will conduct its Board of Commissioners' Meeting virtually via an electronic platform.

Click on the link below or copy and paste it in your browser to join the virtual meeting:
https://rebrand.ly/CPD_Live_Board_Meeting_7-16-21

You may also access the agenda by going to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com, selecting the "Get Involved" tab and clicking on "Attend a Board Meeting." or view via our YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/3GIL0pmQeYs>

In accordance with the provisions of "An Act in the relation of the creation, maintenance, operation, and improvement of the Chicago Park District", 70 ILCS 1505 et. seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO SELL GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 FOR THE PAYMENT OF LAND CONDEMNED OR PURCHASED FOR PARKS, FOR THE BUILDING, MAINTAINING, IMPROVING AND PROTECTING OF THE SAME AND THE EXISTING FACILITIES OF THE DISTRICT, AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES INCIDENT IN THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS, ALL AS ENUMERATED IN SECTION 20 OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT ACT will be held at 11:30 a.m. on the 16th day of July, 2021. To protect the public's health and in adherence with the Amended Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120 Section (7) Subsection (e), (4) and in continued adherence of the Governor's Order's which includes social distancing guidelines, the District will conduct the Hearing virtually via a live streaming platform at 11:30 a.m. as part of the Regular Board Meeting and the Hearing can be viewed through the links provided above.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- General Business
- Approval of the Minutes
- Acknowledging Excellence
- Presentation from the Departments
- Communications and Reports
- People in the Parks
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

By order of President Avis LaVelle

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.

Any person with a disability who desires special accommodations or the services of a sign language interpreter in order to attend a meeting of the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners, should contact Disability Policy Officer, Larry Labiak, 504 Compliance Officer, 541 North Fairbanks Court, Chicago, Illinois 60611, at 312/742-5097 or telephone 312/747-2001 (TTY) at least 72 hours before the Board Meeting.

Avis LaVelle
President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary Pro Tempore

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken and the following commissioners were found to be in attendance:

- Present:** 5 - Commissioner Donald Edwards, Vice President Tim King, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz and Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke
- Absent:** 1 - President Avis LaVelle

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

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**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF
THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED
\$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

A Public Hearing was held concerning the intent of Chicago Park District to sell not to exceed \$50,000,000 general obligation limited tax bonds. Vice President King opened the floor to public comment.

Board Sectary Pro Tempore, Sarah Gelder, stated that no request to speak or written testimony related to the proposed bond issue had been received.

Adjourn

A motion was made by M. Laird Koldyke, seconded by Commissioner Donald Edwards, that the Public Hearing be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by a voice vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken and the following commissioners were found to be in attendance:

- Present:** 5 - Commissioner Donald Edwards, Vice President Tim King, Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky and Commissioner Jose M. Munoz
- Absent:** 1 - President Avis LaVelle

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK
DISTRICT TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL
OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

This items was marked as received and filed by the secretary.

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE CHANGE OF DATE AND
CALENDAR OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 14, 2021 TO JULY
16, 2021**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[21-1315-071](#)

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR
SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9, 2021**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, that the Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Koldyke

Absent: 1 - LaVelle

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

Acknowledgment of Perri Irmer, President and CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History. Ms. Irmer was recently awarded The Order of Arts and Letters medal, France's highest cultural honor, for her significant contribution to the advancement of the Arts in Chicago, France, and around the world.

Vice President King acknowledged Perri Irmer, President and CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History, for her recent award of The Order of Arts and Letters medal, France's highest cultural honor.

Vice President King open the floor for Ms. Irmer to speak.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

There was nothing to present.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

[21-1305-071](#)

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PRESENTATION OF 2020 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR), POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (PAFR) AND OTHER ASSOCIATED AUDIT DOCUMENTS

Sponsors: Comptroller

Indexes: Comprehensive Financial Report, Popular Financial Report (CAFR & PAFR)

Cecilia Prado, Comptroller, addressed the Commissioners.

6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

JULY 16, 2021

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Judtih Palmer
2. Phillip Finkelstein
3. Tori Pickens
4. May Toy
5. Gee Toy
6. Else Dennard
7. Kimm Danzie
8. Lousie McCurry
9. David Kostelansky
10. Van Bistrow

These speakers were heard.

Written testimony was received by Halle Quezada.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

[21-1308-071](#)

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ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE)

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Attachments: [CPD 2021 - Authorizing Ordinance - Published in Pamphlet Form - 21-1308-0716#8A](#)

Authorizing Ordinance (ARBs) 4833-4049-9696 v5

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koldyke and seconded by Commissioner Munoz, that the Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Koldyke

Absent: 1 - LaVelle

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2021A

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Attachments: [CPD 2021 - Authorizing Ordinance Published in Pamphlet Form - 21-1313-0716#8B](#)

#149440981v4_US_ - Chicago Park District 2021A - Authorizing Ordinance

Bond Purchase Agreement (003)-Chicago Park District

Preliminary Offering Statement - POS Chicago Park District Taxable 2021(37840811.3)

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koldyke and seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Koldyke

Absent: 1 - LaVelle

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AUTHORITY FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER PROPERTY WITHIN DURKIN (MARTIN) PARK (PARK#268) AND ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM LEASE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND WATER PUMPING FACILITY AND NEW PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koldyke, seconded by Commissioner Netzky, that the Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Koldyke

Absent: 1 - LaVelle

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALL-BRY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR POUR IN PLACE PLAYGROUND SURFACE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT DISTRICT WIDE SPECIFICATION NO. P-21004

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: All Bry EDS

[MBE WBE Schedules A & B and Cert Letters](#)

Bob Arlow, Director of Facility Management, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Netzky and seconded by Commissioner Munoz, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Koldyke

Absent: 1 - LaVelle

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FLOWERS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP FOR VIDEO PRODUCTION SERVICES FOR THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT'S SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEB CONTENT, PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, AND VISUALS FOR PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS SPECIFICATION NO. P-21001

Sponsors: Communication

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [P-21001 - Schedules and Certifications - Flowers Communications Group](#)

1-EDS Affidavit

Michele Lemons, Director of Communications, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Netzky and seconded by Commissioner Munoz that the Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Koldyke

Absent: 1 - LaVelle

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REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO NAME GATELY PARK TRACK AND FIELD CENTER IN HONOR OF DR. CONRAD WORRILL

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

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

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Netzky and seconded by Commissioner Munoz that the Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Koldyke

Absent: 1 - LaVelle

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**REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD
TO NAME JACKSON PARK TURF AND TRACK FIELD IN HONOR OF
BOB PICKENS**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

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

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koldyke and seconded by Commissioner Munoz that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Koldyke

Absent: 1 - LaVelle

9. CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ashely Hemphill Netzky and seconded by Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, that the meeting enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1) and (11). The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1) and (11)

[21-1316-071](#) UPDATE ON INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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Sponsors: Office of Inspector General

This item was discussion only.

10. OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner Laird M. Koldyke and seconded by Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky that the meeting return to Open Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2. The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Report on Closed Session Discussion

Let the record reflect that Commissioner Donald Edwards left the meeting.

Present: 4 - Vice President Tim King, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz and Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Donald Edwards and President Avis LaVelle

[21-1316-071](#) **UPDATE ON INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**
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Sponsors: Office of Inspector General

No further action was taken on this matter.

11. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz and seconded by Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky that the meeting be adjourned. The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.