

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

11:30 AM

Virtual Regular Board Meeting

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Board of Commissioners

Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke

Commissioner Donald Edwards

Commissioner David A. Helfand

Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky

Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

Vice President Tim King

President Avis LaVelle

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Section A (2) 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 September 9, 2020 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's which includes social distancing guidelines, the District will conduct its Board of Commissioners' Meeting virtually via an electronic platform at 11:30 AM.

Click on the link below or copy and paste it in your browser to join the virtual meeting
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You may also access the agenda by going to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com , selecting the "Get Involved" tab and clicking on "Attend a Board Meeting."

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

Kantrice Ogletree
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken and the following Commissioners was found to be in attendance.

Present: 7 - Commissioner Donald Edwards, Vice President Tim King, President Avis LaVelle, Commissioner David A. Helfand, Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke, Commissioner Ashely Hemphill Netzky and Jose M. Munoz

President Avis LaVelle yielded the floor to Alderman Michael Scott Jr. for remarks.

Announcements were made that the Budget Forum would be held September 22, 2020 and of the revised deadline for the US Census.

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

[20-1206-090](#)

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FILING OF TAX ABATEMENTS WITH COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTY CLERKS

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

This was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

[20-1207-090](#)

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FILING OF THE BOND ORDERS FOR THE SERIES 2020ABCDE BONDS

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

This was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[20-1196-090](#)

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2020

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Ashley Netzky and Vice President that the minutes be approved. The motion prevailed with the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand, Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

Absent: 1 - Koldyke

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE

Nothing was presented for consideration.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

Nothing was presented for consideration.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

Nothing was presented for consideration.

[20-1197-090](#)

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UPDATE TO THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Timothy King, General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners.

[20-1198-090](#)

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UPDATE ON THE PHASE I 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO NAME PARK 568 AS WEST RIDGE NATURE "PRESERVE" PARK

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

6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

Principal Dayo Harris
Kirk Kelly
Raniya Thomas
Jazzmin Johnson
Zahir Mbengue
Jennifer Pagan
Bianca Jones
Louise McCurry
Juanita Irizarry
Sheila McNary

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

[20-1199-090](#)

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**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS (HARBOR FACILITIES
REVENUES ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE)
IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$130,000,000 OF SERIES 2020F IN ONE OR MORE SERIES**

Indexes: Bond

Attachments: Bond Ordinance
Bond Purchase Agreement
Escrow Agreement
POS Harbor ARS Bonds, 2020
[Bond Ordinance Pamphlet Form](#)

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ashley Netzky and seconded by Commissioner Donald Edwards that the item be approved. The motion prevailed with the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, LaVelle, Helfand, Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

Absent: 2 - King and Koldyke

[20-1201-090](#)

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ADOPTION OF THE 2020 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Indexes: Tax Levy

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ashley Netzky and seconded by Commissioner Donald Edwards that the item be approved. The motion prevailed with the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, LaVelle, Helfand, Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

Absent: 2 - King and Koldyke

[20-1200-090](#)

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DIRECT FITNESS SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT-PURCHASE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS SPECIFICATION P-19009

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Meghan O'Boyle, Wellness Manager addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Donald Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Ashley Netzky that the item be approved. The motion prevailed with the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand, Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

Absent: 1 - Koldyke

President Avis LaVelle made comments regarding the naming process and a new initiative.

[20-1202-090](#)

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REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY REMOVE THE NAME OF STEPHEN DOUGLAS FROM PARK NO. 218

Indexes: Park Renaming-Phase II, Park Naming

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Donald Edwards and seconded by Vice President Tim King that the item be approved. The motion prevailed with the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand, Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

Absent: 1 - Koldyke

[20-1203-090](#)

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REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO NAME PARK 218 IN HONOR OF ANNA AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS

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

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

A motion was made by Vice President Tim King and seconded by Commissioner David Helfand that the item be approved. The motion prevailed with the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand, Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

Absent: 1 - Koldyke

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY NAME
PARK #572 AS BLOOMINGDALE TRAIL PARK**

Indexes: Park Renaming-Phase II, Park Naming

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

A motion was made by Vice President Tim King and seconded by Commissioner Donald Edwards that the item be approved. The motion prevailed with the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand, Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

Absent: 1 - Koldyke

9. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Ashley Nezky and seconded by Vice President Tim King that the meeting be adjourned. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand, Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

Absent: 1 - Koldyke