

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING

Horner Park

2741 West Montrose Avenue

Chicago, IL 60618

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg

Commissioner Robert Castaneda

Commissioner Sean Garrett

Commissioner Philip Jackson

Commissioner Marlon Everett

Vice President Modesto Valle

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, October 9, 2024 at 11:30 A.M. at Horner Park located at 2741 W Montrose Ave, Chicago, IL 60618.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- Consent Agenda
- New Business / Non-Consent Agenda
- Strategic Initiatives
- People in the Parks
- Code Amendments
- Adjournment

By order of Vice President Modesto Valle

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Modesto Valle
Vice President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deborah Groh, Park Supervisor of Horner Park, and Peter Schlossman, President of the Horner Park Advisory Council, gave brief welcome remarks and highlighted the park's popular programming and upcoming events.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett and Commissioner Marlon Everett

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg and Commissioner Philip Jackson

A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, to set the Order of Business for the day as reflected in the posted agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Jackson

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine, procedural, informational, or non-controversial in nature and will be voted upon as a group in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Everett, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as a group in one vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Jackson

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF LOCATION OF THE OCTOBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PROCUREMENT
WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO’S CONTRACT NO. 114541
WITH TRANSMART, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES UNDER MASTER TASK ORDER FOR CITY-WIDE
CDOT PROJECTS, AWARDED CATEGORIES: 1, 2, AND 4**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Joint Purchasing Agreement

Attachments: EDS - TranSmart LLC

[MWBE Schedules - TranSmart LLC](#)

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MARCO
SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. DBA JOHNSON PIPE & SUPPLY COMPANY,
INC. AND G & O THERMAL SUPPLY COMPANY, FOR SUPPLY AND
DELIVERY OF POOL BOILERS
AND RELATED MATERIALS
SPECIFICATION NO. P-24003**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Johnson Pipe and Supply

[MWBE Schedules - Johnson Pipe and Supply](#)

EDS - G&O Thermal Supply

[MWBE Schedules - G&O Thermal Supply](#)

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

2. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

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ADOPTION OF THE 2024 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Sponsors: Treasurer

Indexes: Tax Levy

Attachments: [Ordinance_2024 Annual Tax Levy](#)

Cynthia Evangelisti, Treasurer, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Everett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Jackson

3. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

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Leading Employer:

PRESENTATION ON CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2024 YOUTH HIRING INITIATIVES

Sponsors: Office of General Superintendent

Indexes: Presentation

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, provided an introductory statement, then Pam Witmer, Director of Policy, addressed the Commissioners.

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Jackson joined the meeting during the Presentation on Chicago Park District 2024 Summer Youth Hiring Initiatives.

Present: 5 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett and Commissioner Marlon Everett

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg

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Effective Operations:

PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) AND OTHER ASSOCIATED AUDIT DOCUMENTS

Sponsors: Comptroller

Indexes: Annual Financial Report, Popular Financial Report (AFR & PAFR)

Antione Holmes, Comptroller, addressed the Commissioners.

4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

1. Lisa Stringer (Addressed health, safety, and maintenance concerns related to encampments in Gompers Park)
2. Philip McGrath (Addressed concerns related to the District's contracts and finances)
3. Scott Kruger (Requested improvements and increased maintenance at the Peace Garden in Lincoln Park)
4. Bobbie Townsend (Requested A/C installation at Mandrake Park gymnasium and public access to Dyett High School pool)
5. Jacob Ringer (Addressed the District's policy for removing toys from playgrounds)
6. Sheila McNary (Addressed concerns with the pending construction of a communications tower in Douglass Park and requested repairs to the field house basement)
7. Princess Shaw (Addressed concerns with the District's event permit process and requested improvements to staff communication and collaboration)
8. Andrea McCauley (Addressed the positive impacts of the CPD Water Polo Club and requested increased pool access and a review of the District's travel policy)
9. Tiffany Soo (Addressed the positive impacts of the CPD Water Polo Club and requested year-round pool access, updates to equipment, and clarity around the District's travel policy)
10. Kenneth Newman (Addressed CPD revenue opportunities and requested repairs and increased maintenance at various parks)
11. Mark Heller (Requested support for the Logan Boulevard Skate Park Redevelopment Project)
12. Lionel Freeman (Requested a waiver of the Event Permit Beach Impact Fee for Sandbox Symphony at Oakwood Beach)

Matt Miller, N'Dana Carter, and Levette Haynes registered to speak, but were unavailable for comment.

Written testimony was received from Paul Krysik, Jam Doughty, Nicole Ginard, Gia Diaz, Alma Dominguez, Joshua Wulbert, Juan Robles, Karina Solsuarez, Rebecca Wolfram, Rachel Azzarello, R. Espoz, Areli Arenas, Emily Annen, Geoff Guy, Carla McGarah, Marta Antonetti, Arlene Walters, Katherine Gaspar, Simone, Alexander, Audrey O'Hearn, Cristal Ramirez, Sean Shatto, Cristina Presmanes, Victoria Martinez, Molly Heraty, Jean Getty Klein, Patricia Newman, Daniel Montes, Mercedes Cervantes, Terry Donato, Wendy Hernandez, Jill Collins, Mitch Mitchell, Nateo Carreno, Maddie Fernandez, Lety Vargas, Mildred Rivera, Charissa Prezzano, Glenn Allen, Sara Heymann, Petra Nikolich, Florina

Florea, Amanda Dieterich, Morgan DiDomizio, Ana Solano, Miguel Lopez, Noreen McNulty, Sandra Fortoso, Avaris Belleth, Isabel Buchanan Arellano, Ella Robinson, and Vicki Cervantes.

5. CODE AMENDMENTS:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER V OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Sponsors: Law Department and Human Resources

Indexes: Code Change

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Proposed Amendments to Chapter V of the Code](#)

Heather Keil, General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners.

Following the presentation on the Proposed Amendments to Chapter V of the Code of the Chicago Park District, Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, provided remarks on the 100-year anniversary of Solider Field.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12)

A motion was made by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, to enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Paz Brownrigg

7. OPEN SESSION:

VOTE ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

Final action may be taken on the following matters considered in Closed Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, to return into Open Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**SETTLEMENT OF PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ,
BY HER MOTHER AND GUARDIAN,
ALBA P. RODRIGUEZ V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT ET AL.**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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

Aye: 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Paz Brownrigg

8. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Paz Brownrigg