

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

9:00 AM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Sherman Park

1301 West 52nd Street

Chicago, IL, 60609

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg

Commissioner Robert Castaneda

Commissioner Sean Garrett

Commissioner Philip Jackson

Commissioner Sharon Bush

Vice President Modesto Valle

President Marlon Everett

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, April 9, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. at Sherman Park located at 1301 West 52nd Street, Chicago, IL 60609.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

By order of President Marlon Everett

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Marlon Everett
President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Delwin Butler, Park Supervisor of Sherman Park, gave brief welcome remarks and highlighted the park's popular programming and upcoming events. Phil Hampton, Area Manager, gave remarks on South Region achievements and positive collaboration with community organizations Teamwork Englewood and Think Outside Da Block.

Roll Call

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

Present: 6 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg, Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett and President Marlon Everett

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Sharon Bush

President Marlon Everett welcomed Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, General Superintendent and CEO, to the Chicago Park District. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa gave remarks on his professional experience, actions taken during the start of his tenure, and future initiatives for the Chicago Park District.

Presentation Chicago Park District Earth Day Events

Maria Stone, Community Relations Manager from Legislative and Community Affairs, presented a short video and presentation on upcoming Chicago Park District Earth Day Events.

A motion was made by President Everett, 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: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Bush

1. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

25-1067-040

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Parks For All & Exceptional Experiences:

PARK KIDS ARE OUR KIDS

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Sponsors: New Business Development

Indexes: Presentation

Kelly Sheetz, Director of New Business Development, addressed the Commissioners.

2. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

Alderman Desmon Yancy from the 5th Ward addressed the Commissioners and requested increased repairs and maintenance at Promontory Point as well as support for Promontory Point Conservancy efforts.

Charles Rice, representative for Alderwoman Monique Scott from the 24th Ward, addressed the Commissioners around support for Riot Fest and the positive community and economic impacts of the event.

25-1068-040

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

APRIL 9, 2025

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Lisa Stringer (Addressed concerns about encampments in Gompers Park and increased number of tents after the last Accelerated Moving Event)
2. Nicole Foster Hill (Addressed safety and program impact concerns about encampments in Gompers Park and requested alternative solutions around housing insecurity in the city)
3. Sarah Jayne Ashenhurst (Addressed concerns around staff engagement with the unhoused community at Gompers Park and requested alternative solutions around housing insecurity in the city)
4. Adam Gianforte (Addressed concerns around staff engagement with the unhoused community at Gompers Park and requested alternative solutions around housing insecurity in the city)
5. Marlon Harvey (Addressed programming highlights from Jackson Park Yacht Club and Chicago Archery Club and successful collaboration with Westrec)
6. Mark Heller (Addressed development requests related to Logan Boulevard Skate Park)
7. Gin Kilgore (Addressed ideas for collaboration between the District and Friends of the Parks around ecological initiatives and acknowledged new Executive Director of Friends with the Parks, Brian Gladstein)
8. Marcus Betts (Addressed support for Riot fest due to positive collaboration with event organizers and economic opportunities for youth)
9. Rachel Azzarello (Addressed concerns around Riot Fest related to permit fees, health and safety, community meeting structure, and equity of stakeholder voices)
10. Hector Escobar (Addressed his shift from opposition to support for Riot Fest and remarked on economic opportunities for businesses of color and positive experiences with community meetings)
11. Martin Velasco (Addressed support for Riot Fest due to community enrichment and the provision of opportunities)
12. Florina Florea (Addressed concerns about short-term benefits versus long-term impacts of Riot Fest; also addressed noise, environmental, safety, and

public access issues related to Riot Fest and requested alternative revenue generation methods)

13. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health, safety, and equity concerns related to Riot Fest and requested a deferment of the vote as well as follow up conversations between the Board and community members)

14. Dinita Robinson (Addressed support for Riot Fest and collaboration with event organizers; also requested that the General Superintendent and CEO visit Douglass Park to discuss ideas for funding allocation toward maintenance and improvements)

15. Sharanda Morehead (Addressed support for Riot Fest and its positive impact for students due to youth employment and cultural exposure)

Correspondence was received from Senator Robert Peters from the 13th District regarding Promontory Point conservation.

Written testimony was received from Terry Donato, Lynn Burmeister, Amber Delgado, Jurema Gorham, Karina Solsuarez, Sara Heymann, Terry Rudd, and Joel Novak.

3. 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 Paz Brownrigg, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as a group in one vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Bush

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE EMERGENCY MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2025, THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2025 AND THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2025

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

25-1076-040**9**

**AUTHORITY TO RELEASE ADDITIONAL PORTIONS OF THE
NOVEMBER 10, 2021 CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORDING
AND APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORITY TO RELEASE AMENDED
CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 10,
2021 CLOSED SESSION**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

25-1079-040**9**

**APPOINTMENT OF MARLON EVERETT TO THE PERSONNEL
BOARD TO REPLACE COYA PAZ BROWNRIGG AND FULFILL THE
REMAINDER OF HER TERM**

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

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

[25-1071-040](#)[9](#)

**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT SECOND (1) YEAR
EXTENSION OPTION WITH MARCO SUPPLY CO, INC. AND
LITTMAN INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF
SUPPLEMENTAL PLUMBING SUPPLIES
SPECIFICATION NO. P-22009**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Extension

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

[25-1072-040](#)[9](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AQUA PURE
ENTERPRISES INC. FOR POOL CHEMICALS AND RELATED
SUPPLIES: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY
SPECIFICATION NO. P-25000**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [MWBE Schedules - Aqua Pure Enterprises Inc](#)

EDS - Aqua Pure Enterprises Inc

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

4. CODE AMENDMENTS:

[25-1056-040](#)

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

Sponsors: Human Resources

Indexes: Proposed Code Amendment, 45 Day Notice Period

Attachments: [Exhibit A Chapter 5, Section B.5](#)

[Exhibit B Chapter 8, Section F.5](#)

Nick Staley, Deputy General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners.

5. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

[25-1073-040](#)

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PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL EVENTS - SUEÑOS AND LOLLAPALOOZA

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Presentation

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners.

[25-1074-040](#)

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PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - ARC MUSIC FESTIVAL

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 Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Paz Brownrigg, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Bush

[25-1075-040](#)[9](#)

**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS &
AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR PERMIT
AGREEMENT WITH THE RIOT FEST CORPORATION TO HOLD THE
ANNUAL RIOT FEST IN DOUGLASS PARK**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Permit Agreement

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners. Then, George Herrera, Director of Community Relations from Riot Fest Corporation, 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: 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Nay: 1 - Paz Brownrigg

Absent: 1 - Bush

[25-1070-040](#)[9](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SMG DBA
ASM GLOBAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF
MAGGIE DALEY PARK
SPECIFICATION NO. P-24009**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Management Agreement

Attachments: [EXHIBIT A](#)

[MWBE Schedules - ASM Global](#)

EDS - ASM Global

Dana Zilinski, Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners.

The Secretary stated for the record the Commissioner Paz Brownrigg left the meeting during the presentation of this item.

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: 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

Alderman William Hall from the 6th Ward addressed the Commissioners acknowledging Michael Lindsay, Park Supervisor at Hamilton Park; D'Jon Meek, Park Supervisor at Cole Park; and Chanel Sims, Park Supervisor at Tuley Park for their successes in community initiatives, programming development,

employment opportunities, staffing outcomes, and crises responses.

6. ADJOURNED

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

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

Absent: 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush