

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING

Chicago Park District Administration Building - Park 596
4830 S. Western Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60609

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky

Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

Commissioner Andrea Telli

Commissioner Sharif Walker

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, September 13, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. at the Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

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

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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: 5 - Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker and Vice President Modesto Valle

Absent: 1 - President Myetie Hamilton

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[23-1104-091](#)

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR NOTICE OF THE INTENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING HARBOR AND MARINA IMPROVEMENTS AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FILE PETITION

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

[23-1098-091](#)

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RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE AS COMMISSIONER TO THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

Attachments: [Resolution - PBC Appointment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the Resolution appointing Myetie H. Hamilton as Public Building Commissioner be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[23-1101-091](#)[3](#)

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

[23-1106-091](#)[3](#)

RECOGNITION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT HARVEST GARDEN PROGRAM

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Presentation

Kristin Brock, Manager of Outdoor and Environmental Education, gave a presentation in recognition of the Chicago Park District Harvest Garden Program. Senior Program Specialist, Breanne Heath, Program Facilitator, Jennifer Tarnoff, and Camp Counselors, Aliyah Howard and Candace Frazier were also in attendance.

4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

[23-1102-091](#)[3](#)

PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Bobbie Townsend (Addressed Mandrake Park and requested more pools and youth programming in South Side neighborhoods)
2. Kenneth Newman (Addressed Jackson Park and requested swim safety initiatives, harbor improvements, advertising revenue opportunities, and increased revenue from special events)
3. Phillip McGrath (Addressed concerns with the Chicago Park District pension)
4. James Wales (Commended Grant Park programming and requested more for-profit events in different parks and a Park Supervisor be established in Grant Park as to streamline leadership duties)
5. Berry Nelson (Addressed Washington Park and requested baseball diamond improvements and a meeting with Park Advisory Council to discuss additional

needs)

6. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park and requested enhanced safety and acknowledgement of noise sensitive zones)

7. Florina Florea (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)

8. Cecilia Butler (Addressed Washington Park and requested funding)

9. May Toy (Commended the Harvest Garden Program, addressed Union Park, and requested clearer swimming schedule communications and enhanced pool safety policies during youth swim)

10. Louise McCurry (Commended increased security in Jackson Park, requested fire resistant trashcans, and that overgrown ADA paths be cleared)

11. Jeff Jenkins (Addressed Night Out in the Parks programming and requested additional support and funding for Midnight Circus)

Dave Kostelansky registered to speak but was unavailable for comment.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

[23-1099-091](#)

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**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
NOT-TO-EXCEED \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED
TAX BONDS, SERIES 2023
(HARBOR FACILITIES REVENUES ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE)**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Indexes: Bond

Attachments: [Published in Pamphlet Form Ordinance \(Issuance of GO Unlimited Tax Bonds, Harbor Facilities, ARS\)](#)

Bond Purchase Agreement

Preliminary Official Statement

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

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**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED
\$170,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS
OF 2023 IN ONE OR MORE SERIES**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Indexes: Bond

Attachments: [Published in Pamphlet Form Ordinance \(Issuance of GO Limited Tax Park Bonds\)](#)
Escrow Agreement
Bond Purchase Agreement
Preliminary Official Statement

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzkzy, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

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**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED
\$15,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING
BONDS
(PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAX ALTERNATE
REVENUE SOURCE)**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Indexes: Bond

Attachments: [Published in Pamphlet Form Ordinance \(Issuance of GO Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, PPRT ARS\)](#)
Escrow Agreement
Bond Purchase Agreement
Preliminary Official Statement

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzkzy, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

[23-1108-091](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH
CONTRACTORS FOR INCLUSION IN THE RAPID RESPONSE
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
PRE-QUALIFIED POOL
SPECIFICATION NO. P-22015**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Pre-Qualified Pool

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Rapid Response Pool Firms](#)

EDS - Rapid Response Vendor Pool

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

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

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH F.H.
PASCHEN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELIZABETH MORSE
GENIUS CHILDREN'S GARDEN AT THE GARFIELD PARK
CONSERVATORY
SPECIFICATION P-23007**

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: FH Paschen - EDS

[FH Paschen - MWBE Schedules](#)

Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WESTREC
SMI LLC (SUNTEX MARINA INVESTORS) FOR MANAGEMENT AND
OPERATION OF OUTDOOR ICE RINKS
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23010**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: Westrec - EDS

[Westrec - MWBE Schedules](#)

Trena Harris, Deputy Director of Revenue, and Brian Stepp, Director of

Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzkzy, seconded by Commissioner Munoz, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzkzy, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

6. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 5 - Hemphill Netzkzy, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton