

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, December 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, December 13, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. or immediately following the Public Hearing. The meeting will take place 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 during the Public Hearing.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker and Vice President Modesto Valle

Absent: 2 - President Myetie Hamilton and Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzkly

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[23-1137-121](#)

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2023, AT 11:20 AM CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[23-1138-121](#)

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER, 15, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Telli, that the Meeting Minutes be approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 2 - Hamilton and Hemphill Netzkly

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Hemphill-Netzky joined the meeting during Acknowledging Excellence.

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

[23-1136-121](#)

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RECOGNITION OF THE JUNIOR BEARS MUM BOWL CHAMPIONS

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Presentation

Marlenni Laureano, Senior Program and Event Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Chicago Park District Junior Bears Mum Bowl Champions. Program participants Coach James Bailey, Coach Nathaniel Powell, Coach Steven Edwards, Coach Obi Allmon, Roman Roberts, Julius Hall, Erick Ayers, Jeremy Ransfer, Janmir Dantzler and Sean Nance were also in attendance.

4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

[23-1141-121](#)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

DECEMBER 13, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety concerns around Douglass Park festivals)
2. Florina Florea (Addressed safety and health concerns and repairs needed from Douglass Park's Riot Fest)
3. Susan Mullen (Addressed concerns about for-profit uses of public parks)
4. Jacqueline Vazquez (Addressed health and safety concerns and repairs needed from Douglass Park festivals)
5. Phillip McGrath (Addressed concerns about and requested review of Board meeting public participation rules)
6. Kenneth Newman (Addressed needed park repairs and advertisement revenue opportunities and requested increased revenue in for-profit contracts)
7. Nancy Joseph (Spoke on the Treekeepers program and requested permissions to prune in Winter months)
8. Charles Williams (Spoke in support of naming of Park 581 as the Prairie Park)
9. Mark Heller (Requested support for a revised OSIF ordinance)
10. Logan Laurie (Requested communications around permits and sustainable infrastructure for the Logan Boulevard Skatepark)
11. Juanita Irizarry (Addressed the Board as their last meeting as Executive Director of Friends of the Parks and highlighted district wide improvement initiatives)

5. NEW BUSINESS:[23-1140-121](#)[3](#)

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CHICAGO
PARK DISTRICT FOR ADDITIONAL 2023 REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Budget and Management

Indexes: Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

Attachments: [Proposed 2023 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance](#)
[2023 Appropriation Ordinance](#)

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

[23-1142-121](#)[3](#)

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS AMONG OPERATING
FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Budget and Management

Indexes: Transfer of Operating Funds

Attachments: [Ordinance Authorizing Transfer Among Operating Funds](#)

Jeff Shellhorn, Director of Budget and Management, 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 Netzkzy, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

[23-1143-121](#)[3](#)

**2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND
BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Sponsors: Budget and Management

Indexes: Budget-Appropriation Ordinance

Attachments: [2024 Tentative Appropriation Ordinance](#)
[2024 Proposed Budget Recommendations](#)

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, gave remarks on the priorities of the 2024 Chicago Park District Budget and Jeff Shellhorn, Director of Budget and Management, highlighted details of the 2024 Chicago Park District Budget. 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

[23-1114-121](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH
CONTRACTORS FOR INCLUSION IN THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR
SERVICES PRE-QUALIFIED POOL
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23001**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Pre-Qualified Pool

Attachments: [Exhibit A - List of Firms](#)

EDS - GC Pre-qualified 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 Walker, that the matter be approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

[23-1134-121](#)

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**REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO NAME THE
MONTROSE DUNES EXPANSION AREA IN LINCOLN PARK AS THE
MONTY AND ROSE WILDLIFE HABITAT**

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 Hemphill-Netzky, 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

[23-1135-121](#)[3](#)

**REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD
TO NAME PARK NO. 581 AS THE PRAIRIE PARK**

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 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

[23-1139-121](#)[3](#)

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 399**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Collective Bargaining Agreement

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, gave remarks on the details of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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 Netzky, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Hamilton

The Commissioners gave brief remarks congratulating and welcoming Trena Harris as new hire to the role of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Officer.

6. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Hamilton