

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

11:30 AM

Virtual Regular Board Meeting

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Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Donald Edwards

Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky

Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

Commissioner Myetie H. Hamilton

Commissioner Modesto Valle

Vice President Tim King

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Section A 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 February 16, 2022 at 11:30 AM or immediately following the public hearing.

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 COVID-19 Executive Order No. 100 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation filed on February 4, 2022 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District will conduct its Board of Commissioners' Meeting virtually via an electronic platform.

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." or view via our YouTube Page:
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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 Vice President Tim King

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.

Tim King
Vice President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Public Hearing.

Roll Call

A roll call of the Commissioners was taken and the following were found to be in attendance:

Present: 6 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Donald Edwards, Vice President Tim King, Commissioner Myetie Hamilton and Commissioner Modesto Valle

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[22-1020-021](#)

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEING HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2022, AT 11:20 AM CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

[22-1027-021](#)

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RESOLUTION HONORING STATE SENATOR AND UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN HARRIS W. FAWELL

Sponsors: Disability Policy Office

Indexes: Resolution-Honoring

Attachments: [Harris Fawell Resolution Signed](#)

Rosa Escareno, Interim General Superintendent, gave remarks to the Commissioners. Larry Labiak, Disability Policy Officer, read the Resolution into record.

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

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[22-1021-021](#)

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 26, 2022

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

[22-1024-021](#)

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PRESENTATION FROM THE INTERIM GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT ON CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE PARKS

Sponsors: General Superintendent

Indexes: Presentation

Rosa Escareno, Interim General Superintendent, gave a presentation to the Commissioners in recognition of Black History Month and to announce Park District celebratory events during the month of February.

[21-1371-021](#)

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NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION GOLD MEDAL FINALIST AWARD AND PRESENTATION

Sponsors: Workforce Development

Indexes: Presentation

Nikki Ginger, Director of Workforce Development, addressed the Commissioners and presented a video recording by Carrie Fullerton, a local representative from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, who congratulated the Park District for the National Gold Medal Finalist Award.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

There was nothing to present.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

There was nothing to present.

6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

[22-1023-021](#)

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the Public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Louise McCurry (Jackson Park proposed addition of pickle ball courts)
2. Kevin McGurn (Paschen Park Renaming proposal to honor the Pollard Family)
3. May Toy (Skinner Park ADA improvements in the community garden area)

These speakers were heard.

Megan Bearder, Tom Bianca, and Talia Leopold submitted written testimony.

George Blakemore registered to speak but was unavailable for comment.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

[22-1026-021](#)

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**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CHICAGO
PARK DISTRICT FOR ADDITIONAL 2021 REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Budget and Management

Indexes: Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

Attachments: [2021 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance](#)

Board Letter Signatures - 2021 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Valle, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

[22-1018-021](#)

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENDITURES**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Indexes: Reimbursement Resolution

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

[22-1011-012](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PALOS
SPORTS, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SPORTING
GOODS
SPECIFICATION NO. P-21008**

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Daphne Johnson, Deputy Chief Programming Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

[22-1016-021](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARDNO
USA INC. FOR NATURAL AREAS SERVICES AND AQUATIC
MANAGEMENT SERVICES
SPECIFICATION P-21011**

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

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

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

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

[22-1007-021](#)

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**CHANGE ORDER NO. 02: \$798,585.02
SEWARD PARK FIELDHOUSE RESTORATION
FRIEDLER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
SPECIFICATION NO. P-16008-036**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Change Order

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Valle, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

[21-1321-021](#)

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY NAME
GATELY PARK TRACK AND FIELD CENTER
IN HONOR OF DR. CONRAD WORRILL**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Park Renaming-Phase II, Park Naming

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Valle, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, that the matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

[22-1031-021](#)

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ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Election

Attachments: [2022 Board of Commissioner Voting Sheet - President](#)

A nomination was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Munoz, that Commissioner Hamilton be appointed Board President for a term of one year or until the next annual Board meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

9. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle