

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING

Fosco (Peter) Park
1312 S. Racine Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60608

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Donald Edwards

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 120/1.01 et seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the REGULAR BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Fosco Park located at 1312 S. Racine Avenue, Chicago IL, 60608 at 11:30 A.M. or immediately following the public hearing.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
General Business
Approval of the Minutes
Acknowledging Excellence
Presentations and Reports
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

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

- Present:** 6 - President Myetie Hamilton, Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Andrea Telli and Commissioner Sharif Walker
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Donald Edwards

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

23-1038-031

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS

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:

23-1031-031

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 1 - Edwards

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

23-1036-031

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RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX AND THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT GIRLS P.L.A.Y. INITIATIVE IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Presentation

President Hamilton and Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, spoke in recognition of Women's History Month.

Marlenni Laureano, Senior Program and Event Coordinator, addressed the Commissioners and introduced Autumn Pomales, Aalyiah Pomales and Laylani Pomales, who participate in Girls Day PLAY events and numerous Chicago Park District programs.

4. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

[23-1037-031](#)

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

Sponsors: Ethics Advisor

Indexes: Code Change

Attachments: [Exhibit A. Proposed Amendments Chapter III CPD Code](#)

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, introduced Karen Seimetz, Ethics Advisor, who addressed the Commissioners on proposed amendments to Chapter III of the Code of the Chicago Park District and noted that the presentation would start the 45-day public comment period on the proposed amendments.

5. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

23-1030-031

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PUBLIC COMMENTS MARCH 15, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Bobbie Townsend (Request for a supervisor at Mandrake Park and Dyett Recreation Center)
2. Marlon Harvey (Request for dredging at the Jackson Park Outer Harbor)
3. Chiaka Patterson (Request for dredging at the Jackson Park Outer Harbor)

4. Charles Szymanski (Request for dredging at the Jackson Park Outer Harbor)
5. Philip McGrath (Request for more staffing in Park District Administration)
6. Al De Reu (Spoke on Openlands' Treekeeper program and work within the parks)
7. Claudia Sanchez (Addressed concerns with festivals in Harrison Park)
8. James Wurm (Addressed concerns with festivals in Douglass Park)
9. Karina Solano (Addressed concerns with festivals in Douglass Park)
10. Barbara De Kerf (Request for lifeguards that are equipped to assist people with disabilities)
11. Mary Lu Seidel (Addressed the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture's building construction in Humboldt Park)
12. Kenneth Newman (Addressed revenue opportunities, shoreline erosion, and road construction in Jackson Park)

Arlis Ball and Robin Boyd registered to speak but were unavailable for comment.

Written Testimony was received from Rebecca Wolfram, Gene Skala, Tim Rice, Sandra Wortham, Fabian Cisneros, and David Donohue.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH MARCO
SUPPLY CO., D/B/A JOHNSON PIPE AND SUPPLY AND LITTMANN
INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF
SUPPLEMENTAL PLUMBING SUPPLIES
SPECIFICATION NO. P-22009**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Marco Supply Company

[MWBE - Marco Supply Company](#)

EDS - Littmann Industries

[MWBE - Littmann Industries](#)

Bob Arlow, Director of Facility Management, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy 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: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 1 - Edwards

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
ALTAWORX, LLC FOR VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL
(VOIP) TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

Sponsors: Information Technology

Indexes: Contract Award (Non Bid)

Alman Ruiz, Director of Information Technology, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 1 - Edwards

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**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - JP MORGAN
CHASE CORPORATE CHALLENGE AND BANK OF AMERICA
CHICAGO MARATHON**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

Dana Zilinski, Director of Revenue, gave an overview of the process for provisional permit approval for single-day events with over 10,000 attendees and provided details on the events under consideration.

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

Aye: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 1 - Edwards

7. CLOSED SESSION:

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

The Commissioners did not enter into Closed Session.

8. OPEN SESSION:

23-1034-031

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**ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION
PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**JOSEPH DULONG V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT:
SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF JOSEPH DULONG V. CHICAGO
PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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

Aye: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 1 - Edwards

9. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 1 - Edwards