

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING

Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596)

4830 S. Western Avenue,

Chicago, IL 60609

Board of Commissioners

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, March 13, 2024 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

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.

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Myetie H. Hamilton
President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

- Present:** 4 - President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker and Vice President Modesto Valle
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[24-1030-031](#)

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RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER ASHLEY HEMPHILL NETZKY FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Resolution-Honoring

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

The Secretary read the Resolution Honoring Commissioner Ashley Hemphill-Netzky into the record.

The Board of Commissioners applauded Commissioner Hemphill-Netzky for her years of service, and Commissioner Hemphill-Netzky made remarks in reflection of her tenure on the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Telli, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

24-1031-031

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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 \$11,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICTWIDE 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.

24-1033-031

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CERTIFICATE OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2023 PARTIAL TAX LEVY ABATEMENT WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK

AND DUPAGE COUNTIES

Sponsors: Treasurer

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

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

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**FILING OF THE BOND ORDERS FOR THE SERIES 2023B BONDS,
THE SERIES 2023C BONDS, AND THE SERIES 2023F BONDS**

Sponsors: Treasurer

Indexes: Bond Order Filing

These Bond Orders were marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

24-1032-031

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC
HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

24-1035-031

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RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT WILLYE B. WHITE AWARD

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Presentation

Rebecca Brandtman, Senior Project Manager from Community Recreation, gave a presentation in recognition of the recipient and runners-up of the 2023 Willye B. White Award. Sarah Faber, Program and Event Coordinator from Special Recreation, was the recipient of the award. Marlenni Laurenno, Senior Program and Event Coordinator from Community Recreation; Monique Johnson, Park Supervisor at Simons Park; and Shannon English, Park Supervisor at Gill Park were the runners-up. Sarah Faber, Marlenni Laurenno, and Monique Johnson were in attendance and recognized by the Board.

4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS MARCH 13, 2024

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 and requested Park District leadership engagement for community feedback meetings)
2. Rana Alsheikh (Addressed health, safety, environmental, and economic concerns around Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
3. Kenneth Newman (Request track and field installations at various CPS high schools and addressed safety concerns around the Midway Plaisance East End Improvements project)
4. Sarah Fiola (Addressed community support for renaming Paschen Park as Pollard Park)
5. Christine Johnson (Addressed community support for renaming Paschen Park as Pollard Park)
6. Jeffrey Howard (Addressed concerns around districtwide programming provisions and requested increases in employee wages, improved benefits, opportunities for advancement, and full-time positions)
7. Lili He (Addressed employee working conditions, staffing rates, wages, and benefits)
8. Venus Roman-Vilano (Addressed employee working conditions and requested reforms in contract terms, promotion processes, and employee wages and benefits)
9. Louise McCurry (Addressed support for the Midway Plaisance East End

Improvements project)

10. Cecilia Butler (Addressed concerns with community center development across from Washington Park and requested the impending torture memorial be constructed inside Washington Park)

11. Berry Nelson (Requested partnership around repair of baseball fields at Washington Park)

12. Jerry Jenkins (Requested flooding prevention improvements to baseball fields at Washington Park)

Sandy Chaet, Claudia Galeno Sanchez, and Susan Avila were registered to speak, but were unavailable for comment.

Written testimony was received from Rachel Azzarello and Mark Heller.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

[24-1040-031](#)

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ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX PARK BONDS (SPECIAL RECREATION ACTIVITY TAX ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE)

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Indexes: Bond

Attachments: [Published in Pamphlet Form Authorizing Ordinance](#)

Preliminary Official Statement

Bond Purchase Agreement

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

[24-1047-031](#)

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ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS OF 2024 IN ONE OR MORE SERIES

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Indexes: Bond

Attachments: [Published in Pamphlet Form Authorizing Ordinance](#)

Preliminary Official Statement

Bond Purchase Agreement

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, 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: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

[24-1038-031](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE GENERAL ADMISSION FEE FOR
THE ADLER PLANETARIUM**

Indexes: Museum Fee Increase

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners and introduced Michelle Larson, President and CEO of the Adler Planetarium, who also addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

[24-1039-031](#)

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER II OF THE CODE OF THE
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Office of Inspector General and Law Department

Indexes: Code Change

Attachments: [Ordinance Amendments to Chapter II of the CPD Code](#)

[Exhibit A Amendments to Chapter II of the CPD Code](#)

[Existing Chapter II of the CPD Code](#)

Heather Keil, Acting General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

[24-1037-031](#)

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**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - THE CHOSEN
FEW OLD SCHOOL REUNION PICNIC**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Chosen Few](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Vice President Valle,

that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

[24-1041-031](#)

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AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY FOR SUPPORT OF NEIGHBORSPACE

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)

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

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLAUSS BROTHERS, INC., FOR OSAKA GARDEN MAINTENANCE SERVICES SPECIFICATION P-23014

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Clauss Brothers, Inc.

[MWBE Schedules - Clauss Brothers](#)

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

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANCHOR MECHANICAL, INC. FOR GROUP 23A: SHERWOOD & BRAINERD PARKS: HVAC REPLACEMENTS SPECIFICATION NO. P-15000-1135

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Anchor Mechanical

[MWBE Schedules - Anchor Mechanical](#)

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: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AGAE CONTRACTORS, INC FOR MIDWAY PLAISANCE EAST END IMPROVEMENTS SPECIFICATION NO. P-23001-002

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - AGAE Contractors, Inc.

[MWBE Schedules - AGAE Contractors, Inc.](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction; Larry Labiak, Disability Policy Officer; and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SMITH MAINTENANCE CO. AND DUST 'EM CLEAN MAINTENANCE COMPANY, INC. FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR CENTRAL REGION LAKEFRONT COMFORT STATIONS, BEACH HOUSES, AND SPECIAL USE FACILITIES SPECIFICATION NO. P-23008

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Smith Maintenance

[MWBE - Smith Maintenance](#)

EDS - Dust Em Clean

[MWBE Schedules - Dust Em Clean](#)

Bob Arlow, Director of Facilities Management, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT FIRST (1) YEAR
EXTENSION OPTION TO MARCO SUPPLY CO, INC. 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

Bob Arlow, Director of Facilities Management, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz

6. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

Absent: 1 - Munoz