

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING

Ping Tom Memorial Park

1700 South Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616

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, April 10, 2024 at 11:30 A.M. at Ping Tom Memorial Park at 1700 South Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
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.

Brandon Cotton, Park Supervisor of Ping Tom Memorial Park, gave brief welcome remarks and highlighted the park’s popular programming and upcoming events.

Roll Call

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

Present: 5 - President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker and Vice President Modesto Valle

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 13, 2024

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 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

2. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

24-1050-041

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RECOGNITION OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES AND EARTH DAY EVENTS

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Presentation

Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources, and Stephen Bell, Center Director at Big Marsh Park, gave a presentation in recognition of Chicago Park District sustainability initiatives and Earth Day events. Cheryl Johnson, Executive Director of People for Community Recovery; Adella Bass-Lawson, Health Equity Organizer for People for Community Recovery; and Juliette Tyson, Imani Village Mission Coordinator, were in attendance and recognized by the Board. Kristin Brock, Manager of Outdoor and Environmental Education, Luis Cabrales, Program and Event Facilitator at Big Marsh Park; and Chuck Stark, Senior Program Specialist, were also in attendance.

3. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

1. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety concerns around Douglass Park festivals and requested engagement from Chicago Park District leadership at community feedback meetings)
2. Rana Alsheikh (Addressed health, safety, environmental, and economic concerns around Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
3. Ester Aldana (Addressed health, safety, environmental, and economic concerns around Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
4. Kenneth Newman (Addressed advertisement revenue opportunities and requested increased response to illegal parking on park property, revision of the NASCAR contract, and increased coaching staff for sports programs)
5. Bobbie Townsend (Addressed roof replacement at Mandrake Park, community investment initiatives, safety concerns around nighttime Senior programming, and requested reopening of south side pools)
6. Phil McGrath (Addressed pension fund debt and requested future plans for fully funded pensions)
7. Leslie Recht (Requested that the scope of responsibility for Maggie Daley Park Supervisor be edited to include Grant Park)
8. Kevin McGurn (Addressed community support for renaming Paschen Park as Pollard Park)
9. David Wu (Addressed the history of Ping Tom Park and the importance of the park for the community)
10. Debbie Liu (Addressed Ping Tom Park anniversary celebrations, safety and operational concerns related to local development projects, and requested ADA ramp installment)
11. Karl Brinson (Addressed concerns with staffing, operations, and security at park sites, and requested increased community engagement for decision making)
12. May Toy (Requested repairs and improvements at Skinner Park, development of a community committee for Tax Referendum, and increased community engagement for decision making)
13. Susan Avila (Addressed support for use of park facilities as shelters for the unhoused and other community support programming and addressed health and safety concerns around Riot Fest)
14. Berry Nelson (Requested tree planting and pavilion construction to better showcase the mural honoring former Chicago Park District Commissioner Dr. Margaret Burroughs)

Joe Lewis was registered to speak, but was unavailable for comment.

Written testimony was received from Rebecca Wolfram.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

President Hamilton made a motion to take the agenda out of order to consider the following item of New Business next: Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with Levy Premium Food Service Limited Partnership for Soldier Field Food Service Management; Specification No. P-23013.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Telli. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
LEVY PREMIUM FOODSERVICE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
FOR SOLDIER FIELD FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23013**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

EDS - Levy Premium Foodservice

[MWBE Schedules - Levy Premium Foodservice](#)

Juliet Azimi, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen Murphy, Chief Operating Officer for the Bears; and Andy Landsing, CEO of Levy 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 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Vice President Valle, to return to the Order of the Day. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH KR MILLER CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR RAINBOW BEACH
PARK HANDBALL/RACQUETBALL FACILITY RENOVATION
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23001-007**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - KR Miller Contractors, Inc.

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

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, 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 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH BURLING BUILDERS, INC.
FOR RONAN GATEWAY AND PLAZA DEVELOPMENT
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23001-003**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Burling Builders, Inc.

[MWBE Schedules - Burling Builders, Inc.](#)

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 Vice President Valle, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GEORGE
SOLLITT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CRAGIN PARK
FIELDHOUSE CONSTRUCTION
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23001-001**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - George Sollitt Construction Company

[MWBE Schedules - George Sollit Construction Company](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, 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: 5 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION TO MAINTAIN AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS SPECIFICATION NO. P-23019

Sponsors: Risk Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

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

Aye: 5 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - PITCHFORK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, 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 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - ARC MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, 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 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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**PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL EVENTS -
LOLLAPALOOZA & SUEÑOS MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Presentation

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

President Hamilton announced that because the two events being presented have existing agreements, they do not require provisional approval from the Board of Commissioners and the intention of presenting the two events is for the purpose of transparency to the public.

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

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**SETTLEMENT OF SALVADOR RUIZ BY HIS SPOUSE, BRANDICE
CARSON-RUIZ V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, 23 WC 006893**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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

Aye: 5 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

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**SETTLEMENT OF JANE DOE V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT ET AL.
(2023 L005901)**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle

5. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 5 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli, Walker and Valle