

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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

President Avis LaVelle

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 November 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM or immediately following the Public Budget 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 Executive Order No. 92 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation filed on October 15, 2021 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:
<https://rebrand.ly/Public-Budget-Hearing-and-Board-Meeting-11-10-21>

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 President Avis LaVelle

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.

Avis LaVelle
President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

A roll call was made a the following Commissioners were in attendance:

Present: 7 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, President Avis LaVelle, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Donald Edwards, Vice President Tim King, Commissioner Myetie H. Hamilton and Commissioner Modesto Valle

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING BEING HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2021, AT 11:15 AM AND NOTICE OF THE RELEASE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2022 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET REPORT AND THE 2022 TENTATIVE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

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CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE 2021 ANNUAL TAX LEVY WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

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

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APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE TO THE PARK EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

President LaVelle nominated Cynthia Evangelisti to serve as Trustee on the Park Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago for a term of three years. A motion was made by Vice President King that the nomination be adopted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Netzky. The motion prevailed by a voice vote of 7-Ayes and 0-Nays.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2021 AND THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2021

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 7 - Munoz, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

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UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENTS AT BIG MARSH PARK INCLUDING THE OPENING OF THE FORD CALUMET ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Presentation

Assistant Director of Cultural and Natural Resources, Matthew Freer, addressed the Commissioners and presented recent improvements at Big Marsh Park, including the opening of the Ford Calumet Environmental Center. Paul Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Friends of Big Marsh, also addressed the Commissioners on community engagement efforts and recent initiatives at the park.

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72ND ANNUAL JUNIOR BEARS MUM BOWL CHAMPIONS

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Presentation

Roberto Lugo, League Commissioner, addressed the Commissioners regarding the recent Junior Bears MUM Bowl championship between the champions, the LaFollette Park Wildcats, and the runners-up, the Lindblom Park Ravens. James Bailey, Head Coach of the LaFollette Park Wildcats also addressed the Commissioners on this program.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Sponsors: New Business Development

Indexes: Presentation

Kelly Sheetz, Director of New Business Development, addressed the Commissioners regarding the accomplishments of the ongoing Financial Assistance Fund Campaign.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

There was nothing to report.

6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS
NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Jessica Fuentes (Behavior of members of the Humboldt Park Advisory Council)
2. Jennie Jiang (Concerns with current leadership of the Humboldt Park Advisory Council)
3. Barbara Cooley (Jesse Owens Park resurfacing of playground, tennis courts, parking lot)
4. Judy Dever (Lifeguard supervision)
5. Rebecca Wolfram (Private use of public Douglass Park)
6. Andre Gordillo (Private music festivals held in Douglass Park)
7. David Kostelansky (Lake Shore Park Advisory Council roles and accessibility)
8. Carl Lewis (Progress in Brown Park)
9. LaVonte Stewart (Rosenblum Park status and budget)

These speakers were heard.

Written testimonies were also received from Karl Kuhn, Mark Joseph, Magdalena Martinez, and Ada Lopez.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONCESSION PERMIT AGREEMENT WITH NAFSI, LLC FOR THE RENOVATION AND

YEAR-ROUND OPERATION OF THE RESTAURANT SPACE AT SOUTH SHORE CULTURAL CENTER

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Concession Agreement

Sheshe Taylor, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Netzky that this matter be approved. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - King

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TERRA ENGINEERING, LTD. FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AT RONAN PARK (PARK 275) SPECIFICATION NO. P-16015-127

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: Terra Engineering_Economic Disclosure Statement

[Terra Engineering_M/WBE Schedules](#)

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

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Valle that this matter be approved. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Munoz, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

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CHANGE ORDER NO. 01: NTE \$4,000,000.00 CONSTRUCTION OF PARK 596 - ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, FIELDHOUSE AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PASCHEN ALL JOINT VENTURE SPECIFICATION NO. P-20015

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Change Order

Attachments: [Updated MBE and WBE Schedules](#)

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

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Munoz that this matter be approved. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Munoz, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

9. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2, Subsection C (1)

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Netzky, that the meeting enter into Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1). The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 7-Ayes and 0-Nays.

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PERSONNEL MATTER

This item was discussion only.

10. OPEN SESSION:

Pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2, Subsection C (1)

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Netzky, to return to Open Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1). The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 7-Ayes and 0-Nays.

Report on Closed Session Discussion

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PERSONNEL MATTER

The Commissioners discussed various personnel matters and the resignation of Avis LaVelle as Board President of the Chicago Park District. No further action was taken on this matter. President LaVelle gave remarks on her tenure at the Chicago Park District and her hopes for the District moving forward.

11. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Munoz, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 7-Ayes and 0-Nays.