

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

11:30 AM

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 Modesto Valle*

*Commissioner Andrea Telli*

*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, April 20, 2022, at 11:30 A.M. at Fosco (Peter) Park located at 1312 S. Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608.

**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 Myetie H. Hamilton**

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**Myetie H. Hamilton**  
**President**

**Sarah Gelder**  
**Secretary**

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Roll Call

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

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

### 1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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#### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF DATE AND CALENDAR OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13, 2022, CHANGED TO APRIL 20, 2022

**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:

[22-1039-042](#)

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#### APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 2022 AND THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2022

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Valle, that the Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 9, 2022 and the corrected Meeting Minutes for the Public Hearing held on February 16, 2022 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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#### PUBLICATION OF A PORTION OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORDING

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Executive Session Minute Reveiw

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, for the publication of the November 10, 2021 Executive Session Recording. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:**

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**RECOGNITION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT WATER POLO CLUB AND CLUB COACH, HERIBERTO GARCIA, FOR THE PROGRAM'S RECENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE BRENDA VILLA MIDWEST ZONE AWARDS**

**Sponsors:** Community Recreation

**Indexes:** Presentation

Daphne Johnson, Chief Programming Officer, and Andrew Walsh, Aquatics Manager, gave a presentation on the Chicago Park District's award-winning Water Polo Club and coach, Heriberto Garcia. Water Polo Club participants Omar Alex Mendez and Bella Morquecho along with coach Angelo Espinosa were also present and recognized.

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**RECOGNITION OF MAYOR HAROLD WASHINGTON'S CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY**

**Sponsors:** Office of General Superintendent

**Indexes:** Presentation

In honor of late Mayor Harold Washington's Centennial Birthday, Interim General Superintendent, Rosa Escareno, gave a presentation in recognition of Mayor Washington's contributions to the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District during his tenure. Celebratory events at Harold Washington Park and other parks districtwide were announced.

**4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:**

There was nothing to present.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

There was nothing to present.

**6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
APRIL 20, 2022**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Judy Johanson (CDOT's proposed Dicken's Greenway/bikepath by Oz Park)
2. Ed Fitzpatrick (CDOT's proposed Dicken's Greenway/bikepath by Oz Park)
3. Princess Shaw (Community engagement for festivals in Douglass Park)
4. Susan Mullen (For profit private music festivals in Douglass Park)
5. Xochitl Esparza (Summer Smash festival in Douglass Park)
6. Alberto Solorio (Summer Smash organizer on festival in Douglass Park)
7. Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger (Introduction to the Board as Friends of the Park Policy and Advocacy Director and creation of the Office of Protection and Accountability)
8. Marc Lipinski (Selection of the eastern end of the Midway Plaisance as the replacement UPARR site)
9. Cecilia Butler (Washington Park tree health, upcoming visit from the National Organization of Olmstead Parks, curb issues, framework plan for Washington Park)
10. May Toy (new Skinner Park fieldhouse and green space deficit in neighborhood)
11. George Blakemore (Equity in park services and location of Chicago Park District headquarters)

These speakers were heard.

Nelson Borelli, Michele Dreczynski, and Sara Heymann submitted written testimony.

Jorge Angel, Ismael Enriquez, David Kostelansky, and Dona Vitale registered to speak but were unavailable for comment.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

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### AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER IV OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Code Change

Attachments: [Ordinance - Proposed Chapter 4 Code Amendments](#)

[Exhibit A - Proposed Chapter 4 Code Amendments](#)

Existing Chapter 4 CPD Code

Interim General Superintendent, Rosa Escareno, presented proposed amendments to Chapter IV of the Chicago Park District Code to update the Human Rights Ordinance and to establish the Office of Prevention and Accountability.

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

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

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INTER-CITY SUPPLY CO., INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FLOOR CREW FINISHING MATERIALS AND CONCENTRATED GREEN CLEANING PRODUCTS SPECIFICATION NO. P-21013**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** Inter-City Supply Co. - EDS

[Inter-City Supply Co. - MWBE Schedules](#)

Director of Facility Management, Bob Arlow, addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MUSE COMMUNITY + DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WASHINGTON PARK FRAMEWORK PLAN SPECIFICATION NO P-21016**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** MUSE - EDS

[MUSE - MWBE Schedules](#)

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

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

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

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY NAME KOLMAR PARK**

**IN HONOR OF GERTRUD KOLMAR**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Park Renaming-Phase II, Park Naming

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

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

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

**9. CLOSED SESSION:**

Pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1), (11), & (12)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Telli, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that meeting enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**10. OPEN SESSION**

Pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1) & (12)

**Report on Closed Session Discussion**

**The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Munoz had left the meeting.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Valle, that the meeting return to Open Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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**ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION  
PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF PAUL LINTA V. CHICAGO PARK  
DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Settlement Agreement

**A motion was made by Commissioner Telli, seconded by Commissioner Valle to approve the settlement. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle and Telli

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

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**ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION  
PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF KATHLEEN J. CAHILL V. CHICAGO  
PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Settlement Agreement

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Telli to approve the settlement. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle and Telli

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

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**EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE INTERIM GENERAL  
SUPERINTENDENT THROUGH MAY 31, 2022**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Valle to extend the contract for the Interim General Superintendent through May 31, 2022. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle and Telli

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

**11. ADJOURNED**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle and Telli

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz