

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING
DR. CONRAD WORRILL TRACK & FIELD CENTER
GATELY (JAMES) PARK
10201 South Cottage Grove Avenue
Chicago, IL 60628
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, August 10, 2022, at 11:30 A.M. at the Dr. Conrad Worrill Track and Field Center within Gately Park located at 10201 South Cottage Grove Avenue Chicago, IL 60628.

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 made and the following Commissioners were found to be in attendance:

Present: 5 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Modesto Valle, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky and Myetie Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Donald Edwards and Commissioner Sharif Walker

President Hamilton gave remarks in acknowledgment of Dr. Conrad Worrill and the Track and Field Center named in his honor.

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2022, AND THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2022

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 4 - Valle, Telli, Hemphill Netzky and Hamilton

Abstain: 1 - Munoz

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

[22-1076-081](#)

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RECOGNITION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE DR. CONRAD WORRILL TRACK AND FIELD CENTER SINCE THE FACILITY OPENED IN 2020, INCLUDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE JUNIOR OLYMPIC NATIONAL QUALIFIERS FROM THE GATELY PARK ATHLETIC CLUB FOR TRACK AND FIELD

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Presentation

General Superintendent and CEO, Rosa Escareno, gave an overview of the Dr. Conrad Worrill Track and Field Center and introduced Deputy Director of Revenue, Trena Harris, and Coach Craig Collins. Trena Harris gave a presentation on the accomplishments and events at the Center since the facility's opening in 2020. Coach Craig Collins introduced Junior Olympic National Qualifiers for AAU and USATF athletes.

The following AAU and USATF athletes were in attendance and recognized: Eniece Danzy, K'saundra Frison, Madison Jones, Gabrielle Jones, Kayden Ratliff, Brighton Warfield, Mattie Winston, Etta Winston, Delilah Martinez, Mason Danzy, Lindora Kamalu, Isabella Kamalu, and Danita Palmore. Miles Davis was recognized, but could not attend.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

There was nothing to present.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

[22-1074-081](#)

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PRESENTATION OF 2021 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR), POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (PAFR) AND OTHER ASSOCIATED AUDIT DOCUMENTS

Sponsors: Comptroller

Indexes: Annual Financial Report, Popular Financial Report (AFR & PAFR)

Attachments: [2021 Chicago Park District PAFR - Final](#)

[2021 Chicago Park District ACFR - Final](#)

Chief Financial Officer, Steve Lux, addressed the Commissioners to give an overview of the recent update in the District's Bond rating outlook to stable from negative.

Comptroller, Cecilia Prado, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Popular Annual Financial report.

6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AUGUST 10, 2022

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the Public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Jenna Alia (Addressed the efforts of Whispers at Oak Street Beach to work with the neighborhood residents to address recent noise concerns)
2. Antonios Doliotis (Spoke in support of Whispers at Oak Street Beach)

3. Leslie Recht (Addressed concerns about Lollapalooza and NASCAR in Grant Park and proposed an annual event in the park)
4. Cecilia Butler (Spoke about the loss of Washington Park advocate William "Dub" Hill and the city's development proposal near Washington Park)
5. Louise McCurry (Addressed sidewalk safety and accessibility in Jackson Park and potential federal funding opportunities)
6. Judy Dever (Addressed closed pools, senior swimming programming, and lifeguard recruitment)
7. Michael Ulreich (Addressed needed improvements at Ping Tom Park, including the boat house and increased pool hours)
8. May Toy (Addressed agreements between advisory councils and the Chicago Park District for Skinner Park)
9. Jenna Jameson (Spoke about improvement ideas for Garfield Park, including needed social services and safety)
10. Bobbie Townsend (Request for Park Supervisor and air conditioning in the gym at Mandrake Park; Request for youth lifeguard training at William-Davis Park)

Mark Fritsch and Cyrus Hosseini submitted Written Testimony.

Donna Weichselbaum, David Kostelansky, Monica Sheinin and Trina Hollingsworth registered to speak but were unavailable for comment.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There is nothing to present.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO FUND THE CHICAGO SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)

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

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 - Munoz, Valle, Telli, Hemphill Netzky and Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

9. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Telli, to enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Munoz, Valle, Telli, Hemphill Netzky and Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

10. OPEN SESSION:

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

Aye: 5 - Munoz, Valle, Telli, Hemphill Netzky and Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

VOTE ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

Final action may be taken on the following matters considered in Closed Session:

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**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES REVIEW:
AUTHORITY TO RELEASE OR HOLD CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
AND AUTHORITY TO DESTROY VERBATIM CLOSED SESSION
RECORDINGS**

Sponsors: Law Department

Attachments: EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTE REVIEW - Cover
Executive Session Minutes - Verbatim Recordings for Destruction
[FINAL_Executive Session Minutes - Minutes for Public Release or Hold](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, that the Verbatim Recordings for the following dates be destroyed: August 12, 2020, October 14, 2020, November 18, 2020, and January 13, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Munoz, Valle, Telli, Hemphill Netzky and Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Telli, that the Closed Session Minutes be released for public inspection for the following dates: January 26, 2022, April 20, 2022, May 11, 2022, and a portion of the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Munoz, Valle, Telli, Hemphill Netzky and Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Munoz, that a portion of the Closed Session Minutes be withheld for the June 8, 2022 meeting because the need for confidentiality still exists. The

motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Munoz, Valle, Telli, Hemphill Netzky and Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

11. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 5 - Munoz, Valle, Telli, Hemphill Netzky and Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker