

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

11:30 AM

### REGULAR MEETING

Revere (Paul) Park  
2509 W. Irving Park Road,  
Chicago, IL 60618

## Board of Commissioners

*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 et seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the REGULAR BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. at Revere (Paul) Park located at 2509 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60618.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call  
Approval of the Minutes  
Acknowledging Excellence  
Presentations and Reports  
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.

## Roll Call

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

**Present:** 4 - President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker and Vice President Modesto Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky and Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

President Hamilton reminded and encouraged everyone to attend the Public Budget Hearing for the 2024 Chicago Park District Budget scheduled for November 15, 2023 at the Chicago Park District Administration Building.

The Board of Commissioners also acknowledged and thanked Alison Perona for her service as interim Inspector General for the last two years.

## 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[23-1116-101](#)

[1](#)

### APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

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

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

[23-1117-101](#)

[1](#)

### RECOGNITION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT YOUTH HIRING INITIATIVES

**Sponsors:** Office of General Superintendent

**Indexes:** Presentation

Pam Witmer, Director of Policy, gave a presentation on the Chicago Park District's youth hiring initiatives and successes in youth hiring in 2023.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

[23-1119-101](#)

[1](#)

**PRESENTATION OF 2022 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL  
REPORT (ACFR), POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (PAFR)  
AND OTHER ASSOCIATED AUDIT DOCUMENTS**

**Sponsors:** Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer

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

**Attachments:** [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report\\_FY2022](#)  
[Popular Annual Financial Report\\_FY2022](#)

Chief Financial Officer, Steve Lux, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Popular Annual Financial report.

### 4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

[23-1120-101](#)

[1](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
OCTOBER 11, 2023**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
2. Susan Mullen (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
3. Phillip McGrath (Addressed golf course funding)
4. Marcia Northern (Addressed migrant shelters at Chicago Park District sites)
5. Leslie Recht (Addressed the NASCAR contract and requested a meeting to discuss related landscape protection, park access, and increased funding towards parks)
6. Louise McCurry (Addressed vandalism occurring at Jackson Park)
7. Jeff Jenkins (Addressed Night Out in the Parks programming and requested additional support and funding for Midnight Circus)
8. Mimi Cowan (Addressed Field Museum Programming and partnership opportunities as a representative for the Field Museum)

Bobbie Townsend registered to speak but was unavailable for comment.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**[23-1115-101](#)[1](#)

**AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AT MINIMUM 4.106 ACRES OF PROPERTY  
FROM THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND ENTER INTO AN  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER  
APPROXIMATELY 4.106 ACRES OF FERNWOOD PARKWAY PARK  
(1215) TO THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR THE CTA RED  
LINE EXTENSION PROJECT**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Land Transfer

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A](#)  
[Ordinance](#)  
[Resolution](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, 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:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

[23-1113-101](#)[1](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROBE, INC.  
FOR MARQUETTE PARK: FIELDHOUSE & LANDSCAPE BUILDINGS:  
ROOF & MASONRY  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-15000-775-R**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Robe, Inc.  
[MWBE Schedules - Robe, 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 Commissioner Walker, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

[23-1112-101](#)[1](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MODE  
ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN SERVICES - CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
POLLING PLACES - ADA MODIFICATIONS  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-16015-162**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Joint Purchasing Agreement

**Attachments:** EDS - Mode Architects

[MWBE Schedules - Mode Architects](#)

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:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

[23-1111-101](#)[1](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
WITH ENVIROPLUS INC. FOR DISTRICT WIDE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ABATEMENT SERVICES  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23003**

**Sponsors:** Environmental Services

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Enviroplus Inc.

[MWBE Schedules - Enviroplus Inc.](#)

Daniel Cooper, Director of Environmental Services, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, 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:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

[23-1110-101](#)[1](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
ELECTRONIC KNOWLEDGE INTERCHANGE FOR THE  
MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE CHICAGO PARK  
DISTRICT'S WEB-BASED COLLABORATION SYSTEM FROM THE  
CITY OF CHICAGO CONTRACT 222388**

**Sponsors:** Information Technology

**Indexes:** Contract Award (Non Bid)

**Attachments:** EDS - EKI

[MWBE Schedules - EKI](#)

**Al Ruiz, Director of Information Technology, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.**

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

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

## **6. ADJOURNED**

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

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz