

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

11:30 AM

### REGULAR MEETING

Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596)

4830 S. Western Avenue,

Chicago, IL 60609

## 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, January 24, 2024 at 11:30 A.M. at the Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- Roll Call
- General Business
- Approval of the Minutes
- Acknowledging Excellence
- Presentations 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:** 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

### 1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Hemphill Netzky joined the meeting during the Resolution Honoring Retirees.

**Present:** 5 - President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker and Vice President Modesto Valle

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

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#### RESOLUTION HONORING RETIREES

**Sponsors:** Workforce Development and Human Resources

**Indexes:** Resolution-Honoring

**Attachments:** [Resolution Honoring Retirees\\_Signed](#)

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, read the Resolution into record and introduced Jason Mann, Deputy Director of Workforce Development who addressed the Commissioners and acknowledged the Retirees in attendance.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

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#### CERTIFICATE OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2023 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES

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**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**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, Hemphill Netzky, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER II OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

**Sponsors:** Law Department and Office of Inspector General

**Indexes:** Code Change

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A - Proposed Amendments to Chapter II of the CPD Code](#)

Heather Keil, Acting General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners to provide an overview of the proposed amendments to Chapter II of the Code of the Chicago Park District.

### 4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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#### PUBLIC COMMENTS JANUARY 24, 2024

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety concerns around Douglass Park festivals)
2. Florina Florea (Addressed safety and health concerns and requested investment in repairs needed from Douglass Park's Riot Fest)
3. Shirley Franklin (Addressed employing wages and working conditions)
4. Lillian Gaytan (Addressed employee wages, benefits, and retention rates)
5. Alejandra Jacobo (Addressed employee wages, health and safety, and retention rates)
6. Phillip McGrath (Addressed concerns related to Park District expenses and Soldier Field contracts and maintenance)
7. Kevin McGurn (Provided supportive reasoning for renaming Paschen Park as Pollard Park and requested a follow up discussion on next steps)
8. Nicole Kowrach (Provided supportive reasoning for renaming Paschen Park as Pollard Park and requested a follow up discussion on next steps)
9. Ginger Williams (Addressed impacts of migrant shelter on Broadway Armory Park programming and requested reopening of the park to the general public)
10. John Markowski (Addressed impacts of migrant shelter on Broadway Armory Park programming and requested reopening of the park to the general public)
11. Cecilia Butler (Addressed concerns about community center development)

across from Washington Park)

12. Gin Kilgore (Addressed the community engagement process for the Chicago Park District Strategic Plan)

13. Melissa Ruiz (Addressed employee wages, health and safety, and retention rates)

14. Kenneth Newman (Requested lighting repairs at Midway Ice Rink, addressed revenue opportunities, and requested district wide park improvements and increased programming)

Robert Johnson registered to speak, but was unavailable for comment.

Written testimony was received from Bill O'Callaghan, Joanne Paschen, Rachel Azzarello, Jeanne Paschen, Frank Paschen, and Patricia Sharkey.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

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**AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH  
THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND VARIOUS  
STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES  
TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF VARIOUS FUNDS AND SERVICES  
FOR PARK PROJECTS**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)

Heather Keil, Acting General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

[24-1013-012](#)

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**CHANGE ORDER NO. 05:  
TO PACIFIC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC  
FOR THE CLARENDON COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION  
SPECIFICATION NO. P16008-050**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Change Order

**Attachments:** [MWBE Schedules - Pacific Construction](#)

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 Hemphill

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPES LLC  
FOR DISTRICTWIDE PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23012**

**Sponsors:** Cultural and Natural Resources

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Brightview Landscapes LLC

[MWBE Schedules - Brightview Landscapes LLC](#)

**Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Affairs, 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:** 5 - Hamilton, Hemphill Netzky, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
WITH THE ACTIVE ALARM COMPANY, INC.  
FOR ALARM AND CCTV CAMERA INSTALLATION, MONITORING,  
MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR SERVICES-DISTRICT WIDE  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-21012R**

**Sponsors:** Security

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Active Alarm

[MWBE Schedules - Active Alarm](#)

**Pat Levar, Chief Operating Officer, Michael Torres, Security Supervisor, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

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**SETTLEMENT OF  
PETER SLOWIK V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, 21 WC 004338**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Settlement Agreement

**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, Hemphill Netzky, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

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**SETTLEMENT OF  
LISA DOLAN V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, 17 WC 031157**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Settlement Agreement

**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, Hemphill Netzky, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

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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

**Indexes:** Executive Session Minute Reveiw

**Attachments:** [Minutes\\_Minutes Up For Release or Hold](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, for the release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for the following dates: November 15, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

**Indexes:** Executive Session Minute Reveiw

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Walker, for the destruction of verbatim records for the following dates: April 20, 2022, May 11, 2022, and June 8, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



**Absent:** 1 - Munoz

## 6. ADJOURNED

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Munoz