

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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, November 15, 2023, at the Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609 at 11:30 A.M. or immediately following the Public Budget Hearing.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call  
General Business  
Approval of the Minutes  
Acknowledging Excellence  
People in the Parks  
New Business  
Adjournment

### **By order of President Myetie H. Hamilton**

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.

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

**Sarah Gelder**  
**Secretary**

## Roll Call

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

**Present:** 4 - President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Andrea Telli and Vice President Modesto Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky and Commissioner Sharif Walker

## 1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[23-1123-111](#)

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF THE CHICAGO  
PARK DISTRICT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING BEING HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023, AT 11:00 AM AND NOTICE OF THE RELEASE  
OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2024 PROPOSED OPERATING  
BUDGET REPORT**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Certificate of Publication

**This Certificate was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.**

[23-1124-111](#)

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**DESIGNATION OF INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS ILLINOIS  
ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS (IAPD) DELEGATES**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Appointment

**A Nomination was made by President Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Telli, for Timothy O'Connell, Deputy Chief Program Officer, and Megan Wilson, Deputy Chief Program Officer, to serve as Illinois Association of Park Districts Delegate and Alternate respectively for the Chicago Park District. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[23-1125-111](#)

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### APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2023

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzkzy and Walker

## 3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

[23-1126-111](#)

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### RECOGNITION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT GO RUN PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Community Recreation

**Indexes:** Presentation

Dan Wagner, Program and Event Coordinator, and Dominique Sabbs, CARA Community Development Senior Manager, gave a presentation on the Chicago Park District Go Run Program. Program participants Patrick LaRiviere and Darren DeMatoff were also in attendance.

## 4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

**23-1127-111**

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS NOVEMBER 15, 2023

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Bobbie Townsend (Addressed completed and outstanding repairs at Mandrake Park and requested additional funding for community needs)
2. Louise McCurry (Addressed outstanding repairs in the Jackson Park lagoon and requested more climate protection and education initiatives)
3. Phillip McGrath (Addressed pension fund allocations and transparency)
4. Florina Florea (Addressed safety and health concerns around repairs needed following Douglass Park's Riot Fest and requested funding)
5. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety concerns around Douglass Park festivals)
6. Milan Kolundzija (Requested increased pickleball programming)

7. Mark Heller (Requested support for a revised Open Space Impact Fee ordinance)

## 5. NEW BUSINESS:

[23-1128-111](#)

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### ADOPTION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Indexes:** Tax Levy

**Attachments:** [Ordinance\\_2023 Tax Levy](#)

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzkzy and Walker

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### EXTENSION OF OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH TROON GOLF/INDIGO SPORT FOR MAINTENANCE, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT'S GOLF FACILITIES SPECIFICATION NO. P-07061

**Sponsors:** Revenue

**Indexes:** Contract Extension

Trena Harris, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners.

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:** 4 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzkzy and Walker

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### AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE STONE GROUP, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF POWER RODDING AND SEWER CLEANING SERVICES-DISTRICT WIDE SPECIFICATION NO. P-23011

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

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

**Attachments:** EDS - The Stone Group

[MWBE - The Stone Group](#)

Bob Arlow, Director of Facility Management, 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:** 4 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli and Valle

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

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
STRUCTURES CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR BLACKHAWK PARK:  
FIELDHOUSE RESTORATION  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-16008-063**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Structure Construction

[MWBE - Structures Construction](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, 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:** 4 - Hamilton, Munoz, Telli and Valle

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

## **6. CLOSED SESSION:**

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16): Routine professional ethics training on recently amended Ethics Ordinance-Chapter 3 of the Chicago Park District Code

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

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

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

## 7. OPEN SESSION

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Hemphill Netzky joined the meeting during Closed Session.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Walker

## 8. ADJOURNED

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Walker