

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 11, 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 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, May 11, 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 made and the following Commissioners were in attendance:

Present: 6 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Donald Edwards, President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Modesto Valle, Commissioner Andrea Telli and Commissioner Sharif Walker

Absent: 1 - Ashley Hemphill Netzky

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

President Hamilton welcomed new Chicago Park District Commissioner, Sharif Walker, to the Board.

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CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2021 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ABATEMENT WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES

Sponsors: Treasurer

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

These Certificates were marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 20, 2022

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle, Telli and Walker

Absent: 1 - Hemphill Netzky

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

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RECOGNITION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT INNER CITY HOOPS PROGRAM AND THE 2022 CHAMPIONS

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Presentation

Adrian Loza, Health and Physical Activities Manager, addressed the Commissioners and introduced Rebecca Regalado, Program and Event Coordinator, who gave a presentation on the Inner City Hoops Program and the 2022 Champions from Shedd Park and Rowan Park.

The following coaches and players from Shedd Park were in attendance and recognized: Jurnee Birt, Samiah Smith, Za'Nylah Moaton, Nariya Hill, and Coach Wanda Norris.

The following coaches and players from Rowan Park were in attendance and recognized: Reginald Foster, Matthew Chico, Alec Lira, Logan Levinson, Jalen Méndez, Daniel Diaz, Coach Marquise Hughes, and Coach Ante Markotic.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

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NIGHT OUT IN THE PARKS PROGRAM 2022

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Presentation

Krista Bryski-Richard, Program and Event Manager, addressed the Commissioners and gave a presentation on the 10th anniversary of the Night Out in the Parks program. Long time program partner, Omar Torres-Kortright and community partner, Margaret Murphy Webb were also in attendance and addressed the Commissioners.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

There was nothing to present.

6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Hemphill Netzky joined the meeting during the People in the Parks.

Present: 7 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Donald Edwards, President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Modesto Valle, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker and Ashley Hemphill Netzky

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAY 11, 2022

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Cecilia Butler (Addressed lack of acknowledgement of the Washington Park PAC in regards to the nature area stewardship program)
2. Princess Shaw (Addressed community engagement process for events held in

Douglass Park)

3. Susan Mullen (Addressed for profit music festivals in Douglass Park)

4. Nita Hailey-Gamble (Request for a fieldhouse at Kells Park and discussed Cubs grant to upgrade baseball diamond)

5. May Toy (Request for funding for community gardens and ADA improvements at Skinner Park)

6. Gee Toy (Read a statement on behalf of Else Dennard, Skinner Park PAC Treasurer, regarding practices for protecting volunteer information)

7. Louise McCurry (Addressed garden of the phoenix vandalism issues at Jackson Park)

These speakers were heard.

Rebecca Wolfram submitted written testimony.

Irma Morales and Jacqueline Vazquez registered to speak but were unavailable for comment.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

9. CLOSED SESSION:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, that the meeting enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Munoz, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle, Telli, Walker and Hemphill Netzky

10. OPEN SESSION:

Report on Closed Session Discussion

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

Aye: 7 - Munoz, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle, Telli, Walker and Hemphill Netzky

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**ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION
PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF LARRY BROGAARD V. CHICAGO
PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Workers' Compensation

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

Aye: 7 - Munoz, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle, Telli, Walker and Hemphill Netzky

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**APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHICAGO
PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that Rosa Escareno be appointed as Chicago Park District General Superintendent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Munoz, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle, Telli, Walker and Hemphill Netzky

11. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 7 - Munoz, Edwards, Hamilton, Valle, Telli, Walker and Hemphill Netzky