

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING

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, January 25, 2023, 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
- 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: 6 - President Myetie Hamilton, Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Donald Edwards, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz and Commissioner Andrea Telli

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Sharif Walker

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[23-1009-012](#)

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RESOLUTION HONORING RETIREES

Sponsors: Workforce Development and Human Resources

Indexes: Resolution-Honoring

Attachments: [Board of Commissioners Retiree Resolution](#)

General Superintendent and CEO, Rosa Escareno, read the Resolution into record and introduced Timothy O’Connell, Deputy Chief of Workforce Development who acknowledged and read the names of those Retirees in attendance.

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

Aye: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Telli

Absent: 1 - Walker

[23-1006-012](#)

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CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2022 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

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

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CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

This Certificate were marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[23-1000-012](#)

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 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: 5 - Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Telli

Abstain: 1 - Hamilton

Absent: 1 - Walker

3. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

23-1002-012

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS
JANUARY 25, 2023**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

- 1. Phillip McGrath (Addressed pension reports, the hiring process within the park)**
- 2. Denise Ferguson (Request to end mega festivals in Douglass Park)**
- 3. Claudia Galeno-Sanchez (Request to end mega festivals in Douglass Park)**
- 4. Rebecca Wolfram (Request to remove Riot Fest out of Douglass Park)**
- 5. Jacqueline Vazquez (Request to end mega festivals in Douglass Park and addressed needed park repairs following large events)**

6. Chris Sanchez (Request to end mega festivals in Douglass Park)
7. Adriana Castrillon (Addressed the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture's building construction in Humboldt Park)
8. Mary Lu Seidel (Addressed the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture's building construction in Humboldt Park)
9. Primitivo Cruz (Addressed the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture's building construction in Humboldt Park)
10. Kurt Gippert (Addressed the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture's building construction in Humboldt Park)
11. May Toy (Requested improvements to Park Advisory Council and Park District communication)
12. Leslie Recht (Request for additional personnel for programs in Grant Park)

Written Testimony was received from Robin Semer, Edith Tovar, Simone Alexander, Kevin Garcia, Wendy Hernandez, and Rachel Azzarello.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

[23-1013-012](#)

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AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE GENERAL ADMISSION FEE FOR THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES/PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM

Indexes: Museum Fee Increase

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners and introduced Erin Amico, CEO of the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Munoz

Abstain: 1 - Edwards

Absent: 1 - Walker

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AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER XI OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office and Law Department

Indexes: Code Change

Attachments: [Ordinance Amendments to Chapter XI of the CPD Code](#)
[Exhibit A Amendments to Chapter XI of the CPD Code](#)

President Hamilton made a motion to take this item out of order on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice President Valle. The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes - 6

Nayes - 0
Absent - 1

Heather Keil, Interim General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners to provide an overview of the proposed amendments and to highlight additional amendments incorporated during the 45-day notice period.

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

Aye: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Telli

Absent: 1 - Walker

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AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE GENERAL ADMISSION FEE FOR THE FIELD MUSEUM

Indexes: Museum Fee Increase

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to return to the order of the day. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes - 6
Nayes - 0
Absent - 1

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners and introduced LeMonte Booker, Chief Financial Officer of the Field Museum.

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Edwards had left the meeting during the discussion.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Munoz

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

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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)

Joseph Bornstein, Senior Counsel, addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH F.H. PASCHEN, S.N. NIELSEN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC. FOR
CULTURAL CENTER RENOVATION AT AUSTIN TOWN HALL,
DOUGLASS PARK, AND HUMBOLDT PARK
SPECIFICATION NO. P-16008-057**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - F.H. Paschen

[MWBE - F.H. Paschen](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, and Marcus Davis, Cultural Enrichment Manager, addressed the Commissioners. Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing also addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY**

Sponsors: Information Technology

Indexes: Contract Award (Non Bid)

Al Ruiz, Director of Information Technology, addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

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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](#)

Minutes_Verbatim Recording Up For Destruction

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Telli, for the release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for the following dates: June 8, 2022, August 10, 2022, November 7, 2022, November 16, 2022, and December 14, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

Indexes: Executive Session Minute Reveiw

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Telli for the destruction of verbatim records for the following dates: April 14, 2021, June 9, 2021, and July 16, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Walker

5. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 6 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz and Telli

Absent: 1 - Walker