

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 15, 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, February 15, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. at Fosco Park located at 1312 S. Racine Avenue, Chicago IL, 60608.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
Approval of the Minutes
Acknowledging Excellence
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 - Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker, President Myetie Hamilton, Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Donald Edwards and Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[23-1021-021](#)

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: 1 - Munoz

2. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

[23-1028-021](#)

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RECOGNITION OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT CELEBRATORY EVENTS IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Presentation

President Hamilton gave remarks in honor of Black History Month. General Superintendent and CEO, Rosa Escareno, gave a presentation on Black History Month celebrations throughout the District. Farah Tunks, Central Region Director for Community Recreation, introduced a group of senior dancers from Columbus Park to perform their routine for the upcoming UMOJA event.

3. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

[23-1022-012](#)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Bobbie Townsend (Requested various improvements at Mandrake Park including a roof renovation and security)
2. Phillip McGrath (Addressed Park District revenue distribution concerns)
3. Jack Spicer (Requested support for designating Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark)
4. Julia Bachrach (Requested support for designating Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark.)
5. Gin Kilgore (Requested support for designating Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark)
6. Kendra Parzen (Requested support for designating Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark & addressed unauthorized construction in Humboldt Park)
7. Mary Lu Seidel (Addressed unauthorized construction in Humboldt Park)
8. Ward Miller (Requested support for designating Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark)
9. Elvia Rodriguez Ochoa (Addressed unauthorized construction in Humboldt Park)
10. Rachel Azzarello (Addressed concerns with mega-festivals in Douglass Park)
11. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns with mega-festivals in Douglass Park)
12. Rebecca Wolfram (Addressed concerns with mega-festivals in Douglass Park)
13. Susan Mullen (Addressed concerns with mega-festivals in Douglass Park)
14. Kenneth Newman (Addressed Lakefront erosion at 63rd Street Beach, revenue opportunities, and requested field trips for Jackson Park day camps during roadway construction in the park)

Gwen Smuda registered to speak, but was unavailable for comment.

Written Testimony was received from Kurt Gippert and Leslie Recht.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

[23-1025-021](#)

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Indexes: Reimbursement Resolution

Attachments: [Resolution Reimbursement of Expenditures](#)

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, 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: 6 - Telli, Walker, Hamilton, Valle, Edwards and Hemphill Netzky

Absent: 1 - Munoz

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**AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO THE DESIGNATION OF
PROMONTORY POINT IN BURNHAM PARK AS A CITY OF CHICAGO
LANDMARK**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Attachments: [Exhibit A Promontory Point Map](#)
[Exhibit B City Landmark Consent Form](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, 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: 6 - Telli, Walker, Hamilton, Valle, Edwards and Hemphill Netzky

Absent: 1 - Munoz

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**AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY 3.59 ACRES OF
PROPERTY FOR EXISTING PARK EXPANSIONS AND NEW PARKS
FROM THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER
JACKSON (ROBERT) PARK APPROXIMATELY 0.24 ACRES TO THE
CITY OF CHICAGO**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Land Transfer

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Exhibit A - Land Transfer Aerials](#)

Beth Tomlins, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Munoz

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH
SHOREWOOD HOME & AUTO AND RUSSO HARDWARE, INC., FOR
THE PURCHASE OR LEASE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF
LANDSCAPE MOWERS DISTRICTWIDE SPECIFICATION P-22012**

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [MWBE - Russo](#)

EDS - Shorewood

[MWBE - Shorewood](#)

EDS - Russo

Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Munoz

[23-1027-021](#)[5](#)

**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - BANK OF
AMERICA SHAMROCK SHUFFLE, FIFTH THIRD BIKE THE DRIVE,
HOT CHOCOLATE RUN CHICAGO AND 2023 WON-DAY GOSPEL
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

President Hamilton addressed the new process for provisional approval for special events with over 10,000 attendees. Dana Zilinski, Director of Revenue, gave an overview of the process for different event types and provided details on the events under consideration.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Munoz

5. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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

Aye: 6 - Telli, Walker, Hamilton, Valle, Edwards and Hemphill Netzký

Absent: 1 - Munoz

6. OPEN SESSION

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Hemphill Netzký had left the meeting during Closed Session.

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

Aye: 5 - Telli, Walker, Hamilton, Valle and Edwards

Absent: 2 - Hemphill Netzký and Munoz

7. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 5 - Telli, Walker, Hamilton, Valle and Edwards

Absent: 2 - Hemphill Netzký and Munoz