

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING
McGuane (John) Park
2901 S. Poplar 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, April 12, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. at McGuane (John) Park located at 2901 S. Poplar Avenue, Chicago Illinois 60608.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
Approval of the Minutes
Acknowledging Excellence
Presentations and Reports
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: 5 - President Myetie Hamilton, Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Andrea Telli and Commissioner Sharif Walker

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Donald Edwards and Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzkly

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

23-1043-041

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MARCH 15, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzkly

2. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

23-1048-041

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RECOGNITION OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES, NATURAL AREA PROGRAMS, AND EARTH DAY EVENTS

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Presentation

General Superintendent and CEO, Rosa Escareno, gave remarks on the importance of the 52nd annual Earth Day at the Chicago Park District and introduced Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources, who presented on Chicago Park District sustainability initiatives and upcoming Earth Day events around the District.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

23-1047-041

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OFFICE OF PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY: YEAR ONE PROGRESS REPORT

Sponsors: Office of Prevention and Accountability

Indexes: Report

General Superintendent and CEO, Rosa Escareno, gave remarks on the creation of the Office of Prevention and Accountability one year ago and introduced Tamara Starks, Director of the Office of Prevention and Accountability, who presented on the mission of the Office and progress the Office has made in its first year.

4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

23-1044-041

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PUBLIC COMMENTS APRIL 12, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Bobbie Townsend (Requested pools be open this summer and jobs for pool operations)
2. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
3. Robin Semer (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
4. Florina Forea (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
5. Gloria Talamantes (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
6. Max Wagner (Addressed Riot Fest's next steps for community engagement)
7. Tynette Wilson (Addressed staffing needs and building improvements at Columbus Park)
8. Karl Brinson (Addressed management of Columbus Park refectory)
9. Bernard Clay (Addressed access for community at Columbus Park)
10. Fabian Cisneros (Addressed concerns with Re:SET Festival in Riis Park)
11. James Patterson (Addressed the recent suspension of a PAC member at South Shore Cultural Center)
12. May Toy (Addressed the requirement for liability insurance for PAC sponsored events)
13. Brandon Miller (Addressed permit denials for use of Shabbona Park facilities)
14. Philip McGrath (Addressed Inspector General reports and investigations)

29th Ward Alderman, Christopher Taliaferro, addressed the Commissioners regarding community requests at Columbus Park.

Written Testimony was received from Kathy Finn, Rebecca Wolfram, Steve Rothschild, Sara Heymann, Mercedes Cervantes, and Sandra Wortham.

5. NEW BUSINESS:[23-1046-041](#)[2](#)

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED
\$60,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS,
SERIES 2023A**

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Indexes: Bond

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

Bond Purchase Agreement

Preliminary Official Statement

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, 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, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzkly

[23-1051-041](#)[2](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE GENERAL ADMISSION FEE FOR
THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY**

Indexes: Museum Fee Increase

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners and introduced Chevy Humphrey, President and CEO of the Museum of Science and Industry.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzkly

[23-1052-041](#)[2](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE GENERAL ADMISSION FEE FOR
THE ART INSTITUTE**

Indexes: Museum Fee Increase

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners and introduced James Rondeau, President and Director of the Art Institute, and Katie Rahn, Vice President of Marketing and Communications of the Art Institute.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzky

[23-1041-041](#)

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**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - HYDE PARK
SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

President Hamilton addressed the process for provisional approval for multi-day special events with over 10,000 attendees. Lauren Quinn, 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: 5 - Hamilton, Valle, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzky

[23-1054-041](#)

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**PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL EVENTS - SUEÑOS MUSIC FESTIVAL
AND LOLLAPALOOZA**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Presentation

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

President Hamilton announced that although the Chicago Park District had existing long-term agreements for both the Lollapalooza and Suenos events prior to the passage of amendments to Chapter VII of the Chicago Park District Code requiring approval of special events with over 10,000 attendees, both events are still required to follow the same process for community engagement despite not requiring approval by the Board of Commissioners and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of transparency.

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CHRISTY
WEBBER LANDSCAPES FOR GRANT PARK AND MUSEUM CAMPUS
MAINTENANCE SERVICES:
SPECIFICATION P-22014**

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Christy Webber Landscapes

[MWBE Schedules - Christy Webber Landscapes](#)

Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy 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, Valle, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzkly

[23-1045-041](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH J.P. SIMONS
AND MIDCO ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND
DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23004**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - J.P. Simons

[MWBE Schedules - J.P. Simons](#)

EDS - Midco

[MWBE Schedules - Midco](#)

Bob Arlow, Director of Facility Management, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing, 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, Munoz, Telli and Walker

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzkly

6. ADJOURNED

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

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

Absent: 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzkly