

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

11:30 AM

ANNUAL 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 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. at Fosco (Peter) Park located at 1312 S Racine Ave, Chicago, IL 60608.

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

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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 Donald Edwards, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky and Commissioner Andrea Telli

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz and Commissioner Sharif Walker

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF VENUE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MAY 10, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT DECENNIAL COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AS REQUIRED BY PUBLIC ACT 102-1088

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Attachments: [Resolution - Establish Decennial Committee](#)

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

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT DECENNIAL COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Attachments: [Resolution - Appoint Members to Decennial Committee](#)

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

vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

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**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Election

A nomination was made by Commissioner Telli, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, that Myetie H. Hamilton be appointed to serve as President of the Board of Commissioners for the Chicago Park District. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

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**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Election

A nomination was made by Commissioner Terlli, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, that Modesto Valle be appointed to serve as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for the Chicago Park District. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[23-1056-051](#)

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2023**

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: 5 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky and Telli

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

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THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT PARK KIDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAMPAIGN

Sponsors: New Business Development

Indexes: Presentation

Kelly Sheetz, Director of New Business Development, addressed the Commissioners and the public to kick-off the 2023 Chicago Park District Park Kids Financial Assistance Campaign.

Commissioner Edwards gave remarks on the importance of ensuring financial accessibility to Chicago children and families that rely on Chicago Park District facilities and programs and announced a donation on behalf of his family to the campaign.

4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY 10, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Sandra Wortham (Addressed public safety issues related to a proposed renovation of the basketball court at Nat King Cole Park and requested upgrades to the Park's walking path)
2. Bobbie Townsend (Requested that the Park District fill the vacant Park Supervisor position at Mandrake Park and requested a new roof and air conditioner in the gymnasium)
3. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
4. Yolanda Armstead (Spoke in support of Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
5. Neli Vazquez (Spoke in support of Riot Fest in Douglass Park and addressed Riot Fest's recent community outreach)
6. Delette Porter-Williams (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
7. Nance Klehm (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park and the festival's impact on the soil)
8. Latasha Ajayi (Spoke in support of Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
9. Phil McGrath (Addressed the Chicago Park District pension)
10. Adolfo Flores (Requested that Chicago Park District lifeguards receive a higher compensation)
11. May Toy (Addressed community garden maintenance issues at Skinner Park)
12. Cecilia Butler (Requested additional security cameras and security signage in Washington Park and requested that the Midway Plaisance ice skating rink be used for roller skating during the spring and summer)

13. Leslie Recht (Addressed concerns with the NASCAR event in Grant Park)
14. Junida Nicholas (Requested WiFi, tree trimming, and pickleball resurfacing at Foster Park)

Cata Truss was registered to speak but was unavailable for comment.

Written Testimony was received from Rebecca Wolfram, Mike Neri, Sammy Armstead, and Louise McCurry.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Sponsors: Ethics Advisor

Indexes: Code Change

Attachments: [Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 3 of the CPD Code](#)
[Exhibit A - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 3 of the CPD Code](#)

Karen Seimetz, Ethics Advisor, addressed the Commissioners regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter III of the Code of the Chicago Park District.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRUCTURES CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR CULTURAL CENTER RENOVATION AT GARFIELD PARK SPECIFICATION NO. P-16008-058

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Structures Construction
[MWBE - Structures Construction](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction; Farah Tunks, Central Region Director; and Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing addressed the Commissioners.

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: 5 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky and Telli

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR EQUIPMENT
AND SERVICES FROM THE CITY OF CHICAGO CONTRACT
WITH CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC.**

Sponsors: Information Technology

Indexes: Joint Purchasing Agreement

Attachments: EDS - Canon

[MWBE - Canon](#)

Alman Ruiz, Director of Information Technology, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing, 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: 5 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky and Telli

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

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**CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO THE IT SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR ENTERPRISE APPLICATION SUPPORT SERVICES BETWEEN
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT AND COMPUTER AID, INC. (BASED ON
CITY OF CHICAGO CONTRACT NO. 27835, SPECIFICATION NO.
103871)**

Sponsors: Information Technology

Indexes: Joint Purchasing Agreement

Attachments: EDS - CAI

[MWBE Schedules - CAI](#)

Alman Ruiz, Director of Information Technology, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing, 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: 5 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky and Telli

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

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**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - PITCHFORK
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

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

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

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

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PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL EVENTS - NASCAR CHICAGO STREET RACE WEEKEND

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Presentation

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, and Julie Giese, President of NASCAR Chicago Street Race, addressed the Commissioners.

6. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) & (12)

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

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

7. OPEN SESSION

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

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

VOTE ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

Final action may be taken on the following matters considered in Closed Session:

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**ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION PRIVILEGED AND
CONFIDENTIAL**

**SETTLEMENT OF THE PRESUIT CLAIM JANE DOE (22020) V.
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker

6. ADJOURNED

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

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

Absent: 2 - Munoz and Walker