

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

3:30 PM

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 541 NORTH FAIRBANKS COURT,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

## Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke*

*Commissioner Donald Edwards*

*Commissioner Tim King*

*Commissioner David A. Helfand*

*Vice President Avis LaVelle*

*President Jesse Ruiz*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Section A (3) of the Code of the Chicago Park District PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the REGULAR BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 3:30 P.M. in the 8th Floor Board Room of the Administration Building at 541 N. Fairbanks Court, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call  
General Business  
Approval of the Minutes  
Acknowledging Excellence  
People in the Parks  
Presentation from the Departments  
Communications and Reports  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Adjournment

**By order of President Jesse Ruiz**

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**Jesse Ruiz**  
**President**

**Kantrice Ogletree**  
**Secretary**

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

## Roll Call

a roll call was taken and the following ommissioners were found to be in attendance:

- 5 - Commissioner Donald Edwards, Commissioner Tim King, Vice President Avis LaVelle, President Jesse Ruiz and Commissioner Erika Allen
- 1 - Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke

## 1. GENERAL BUSINESS

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner King, that this be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

[17-2895-110](#)

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### DESIGNATION OF INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS (IAPD) DELEGATES

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner King, that Matt Marino amd Timothy O'Connell represent the Chicago Parkd District as delegates for the Illinois Association of Park District (IAPD) conference. This motion was moved and carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand and Allen

**Absent:** 2 - Koldyke and Ruiz

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[17-2894-110](#)

[8](#)

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2017 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2017

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

**Aye:** 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

## 3. ACKNOWLEDGING EXCELLENCE

CAPRA Accreditation Success 2018-2022

Michael P. Kelly made remarks.

**17-2942- MOTION TO "TAKE OUT OF ORDER"**

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Allen, that items be taken out of order. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

[17-2889-110](#)

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**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER VIII OF  
THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

Raffi Sarrafian, Chief Administrative Officer addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that this Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Allen, that this be enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120 SECTION 2  
SUBSECTION (C) (5)**

**This Action Item was Discussion Only**

**9. OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Allen, that this be return to Open Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Helfand and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

**17-2943-** Let the Record reflect that Commissioner David Helfand left the meeting.

**Report on Closed Session Discussion**

[17-2893-110](#)[8](#)**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120 SECTION 2  
SUBSECTION (C) (5)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Allen, that this Action Item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, King, LaVelle and Allen

**Absent:** 2 - Koldyke and Helfand

**17-2944- MOTION TO "RETURN TO THE ORDER OF THE DAY"**

**A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Allen, that this Resolution be return to the Order of the Day. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, King, LaVelle and Allen

**Excused:** 1 - Helfand

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

**5. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:**

Nothing was presented for consideration.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nothing was presented for consideration.

**4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:**

*Mary Jo Viera was called to speak*

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*Margot Holland was called to speak*

*Cecilia Butler was called to speak*

*Gary Ossewarde was called to speak*

*Louise McCurry was called to speak*

*Brenda Nelms was called to speak*

*Kenyetta Hunter was called to speak*

*Dave Jendress was called to speak*

*Tom Barnas was called to speak*

*Junita M. Nicholas was called to speak*

*Nancy Dunkel was called to speak*

*Eva McCann was called to speak*

*Kenneth Newman was called to speak*

*Delcina Rosado was called to speak*

**The following members of the public addressed the Board:**

**17-2910-110** Public Comments 11.8.17

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**10. ADJOURNED**

**A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Allen, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, King, LaVelle and Allen

**Absent:** 2 - Koldyke and Helfand