

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

11:30 AM

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 541 NORTH FAIRBANKS COURT,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611  
8TH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

## 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, April 11, 2018, at 11:30 A.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  
People in the Parks  
Acknowledging Excellence  
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**

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

**Roll Call**

**A roll call was taken and the following Commissioners was found to be in attendance:**

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

**1. GENERAL BUSINESS**

[18-3003-041](#)

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**CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPTS WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

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

[18-3004-041](#)

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**CERTIFICATE OF FILING OF THE RECEIPTS BY COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTY CLERKS ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATES OF ANNUAL ABATEMENT**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

[18-3005-041](#)

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**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON MARCH 13, 2018**

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

**3. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:**

*Bob Zeigler was called to speak*

*Michael Samm was called to speak*

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*Omari Jinaki was called to speak*

*Kurt Gowan was called to speak*

*Dennis O'Neill was called to speak*

*Bob O'Neill was called to speak*

*Zenon Kurdziel was called to speak*

*Elaine Sobol was called to speak*

*Alderman O'Connor was called to speak*

*Roman Sanders was called to speak*

*Rich Alpack was called to speak*

*Ariana Friedl was called to speak*

*Gary Ossewarde was called to speak*

*Bill Daniels was called to speak*

*Al DuBonnett was called to speak*

*Louise McCurry was called to speak*

*Pat Harper was called to speak*

*Anne Holcolmb was called to speak*

*Margaret Schmid was called to speak*

*Walter Kindred was called to speak*

*Sharon Lewis was called to speak*

*Elliot El Amin was called to speak*

*Frederick Bates was called to speak*

*Juanita Izzerary was called to speak*

*Audrey Fischer was called to speak*

*Voytek Putz was called to speak*

*Debra Sydok was called to speak*

*Ellen Isaacson was called to speak*

*Heather Breems was called to speak*

*Junita M. Nicholas was called to speak*

*George Blakemore was called to speak*

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

**Grant Park Speakers**

**Bob Ziegler**

**Michael Samm**

**Jett Robinson**

**Omari Jinaki-gave handout**

**Kurt Gowen**

**Dennis O'Neill**

**Bob O'Neill**

**Zenon Kurdziel**

**Elaine Soble**

**Floor Yielded to Alderman O'Connor**

**Roman Sanders**

**Rich Alapack**

**Ariana Friedl**

**Gary Ossewarde**

**Bill Daniels**

**Erika Shavers NP**

**Al Debonnet**

**Louise McCurry-Handout**

**Pat Harper**

**Anne Holcomb-Handout**

**Margaret Schmid**

**Brenda Nelms-Not speaking today**

**Walter Kindred**

**Sharon Lewis**

**Elliot El-Amin**

**Frederick Bates-Friends of the Park**

**Juanita Irizarry-Friends of the Parks**

**Cece Edwards**

**Audrey Fischer**

**Voytek Putz**

**Debra Sydoc**

**Ellen Isaacson-Handout**

**Heather Breems**

**Junita Nichols**

**George Blakemore**

**18-3011-041 Public Comments April 11, 2018**

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**This Public Comments was heard**

**4. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE**

There was nothing to present.

**5. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:**

[18-3006-041](#)

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**SOUTH LAKEFRONT FRAMEWORK PLAN UPDATE**

*Alderman Leslie Hairston was called to speak*

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction addressed the Commissioners. Alderman Leslie Hairston addressed the Commissioners.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was nothing to present.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**18-3007-041**

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY RENAME****GREEN BRIAR PARK****IN HONOR OF ED KELLY**

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

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

[18-2980-031](#)

[3](#)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
REINDERS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF  
LANDSCAPE MOWERS  
SPECIFICATION P-17012**

Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources addressed the Commissioners.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, King, Ruiz and Helfand

**Excused:** 1 - LaVelle

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

[18-3002-041](#)

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**SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF  
DANIEL JULIAN FIORENTINO V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, NO.  
2014 L 1782**

This Action Item was Discussion Only

## 9. OPEN SESSION

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Koldyke

## Report on Closed Session Discussion

[18-3002-041](#)

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**SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF  
DANIEL JULIAN FIORENTINO V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, NO.  
2014 L 1782**

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the settlement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 2 - Koldyke and Helfand

**18-3030-** Discussion of Employment Matters. No further action was taken.

**18-3031-** Discussion of litigation issues. No further action was taken.

## 10. ADJOURNED

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Koldyke and Helfand