

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

3:30 PM

HIAWATHA PARK  
8029 West Forest Preserve Ave.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60634

## 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, October 10, 2018, at 3:30 P.M. at Hiawatha Park located at 8029 W Forest Preserve Ave, Chicago, IL 60634.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call  
General Business  
Approval of the Minutes  
Acknowledging Excellence  
People in the Parks  
Communications and Reports  
Presentation from the Departments  
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 Commissioners was found to be in attendance.

Commissioner DONal Edwards was also in attendance.

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

## 1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 18-3128-** President Ruiz thanked the public and staff for comments made at the regional budget forum.
- 18-3129-** Commended staff involved in the Chicago Park District Vendor Network Fair
- 18-3130-** Welcome from Park Supervisor, Greg Czjikowski
- 18-3131-** President Ruiz yielded floor to Alderman Nicholas Sposato

[18-3110-101](#)  
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### **RESOLUTION HONORING CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT RETIREES**

Superintendent Kelly read the resolutin into the record.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand

[18-3109-101](#)  
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### **CERTIFICATE OF FILING FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL TAX LEVY WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

*Received and Filed*

This Certificate was received and filed

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[18-3108-101](#)[0](#)**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand

**3. ACKNOWLEDGING EXCELLENCE:**

*Teens who recently visited colleges as a part of our Program*

*Recognition of early childhood participant & mom Trisha, who created a charitable project to help others. Flo - Florence (5 year old girl) collect donations for disaster relief (Gladstone Park) was in Tribune, People Magazine, Good Morning America*

**4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:**

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

Robert Ziegler  
Bob O'Neill  
Dennis O'Neill  
Shacarra Westbrook  
George Blakemore

**18-3113-101 Public Comment 10.10.18**

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*Bobby Townsend was NOT present - did not speak  
Robert Ziegler was present and spoke  
Bob O'Neil was present and spoke  
Dennis O'Neil was present and spoke  
Shacarra Westbrook was present and spoke - Mike Kelly respond and address family  
George Blakemore was present and spoke  
Gregory Lucero was NOT present and did not speak  
Walter Kindered was NOT present and did not speak*

**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

Nothing was presented for consideration.

**6. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:**

*Nothing to present*

**NO**thing was presented for consideration.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*Nothing to present*

Nothing was presented for consideration.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

[18-3106-101](#)

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY RENAME  
WALNUT PARK  
IN HONOR OF IRMA C. RUIZ**

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

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand

[18-3107-101](#)

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**AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH THE METROPOLITAN  
WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT FOR A NEW PARK LOCATED AT  
12420 S. TORRENCE AVENUE**

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

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand

**9. CLOSED SESSION [Pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2, Subsection (C), (1), and (5)..**

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner Koldyke, that the meeting enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand

[18-3112-101](#)

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**Purchase of Real Estate**

**This Action Item was Discussion Only**

[18-3133-](#) Employment matter  
Discussion Only

## 10. 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 - Koldyke, King, Ruiz, LaVelle and Edwards

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand

## Report on closed Session

[18-3112-101](#) Purchase of Real Estate  
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A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner King, that the item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand

[18-3133-](#) Employment matter

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand

**18-3134-** Announced that the Chief Administrative Officer, Raffi Sarrafian was leaving the District

## 11. ADJOURNED

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Helfand