

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

11:30 AM

Virtual Regular Board Meeting

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Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Donald Edwards

Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky

Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

Commissioner Myetie H. Hamilton

Commissioner Modesto Valle

Vice President Tim King

President Avis LaVelle

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Section A of the Code of the Chicago Park District and due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, Chicago Park District staff, and members of the public, NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Board Meeting of the Commissioners of the Chicago Park District will be held remotely on October 13, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

To protect the public's health and in adherence with Senate Bill 2135, Article 15, Section 15-5 and the Amended Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120 Section (7) Subsection (e), (4) and in continued adherence of the Governor's Executive Order No. 89 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation filed on September 17, 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District will conduct its Board of Commissioners' Meeting virtually via an electronic platform.

Click on the link below or copy and paste it in your browser to join the virtual meeting:
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

By order of President Avis LaVelle

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.), the Chicago Park District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or admission/access to programs and activities.

Any person with a disability who desires special accommodations or the services of a sign language interpreter in order to attend a meeting of the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners, should contact Disability Policy Officer, Larry Labiak, 504 Compliance Officer, 541 North Fairbanks Court, Chicago, Illinois 60611, at 312/742-5097 or telephone 312/747-2001 (TTY) at least 72 hours before the Board Meeting.

Avis LaVelle
President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for Leonel Gonzalez, a Park District employee that passed away. General Counsel, Timothy King, gave a brief statement and President Avis LaValle expressed condolences on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Roll Call

A roll call was made and the following Commissioners were in attendance:

Present: 7 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, President Avis LaVelle, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Donald Edwards, Vice President Tim King, Commissioner Myetie H. Hamilton and Commissioner Modesto Valle

WELCOME TO COMMISSIONERS MYETIE H. HAMILTON AND MODESTO VALLE

President Avis LaVelle introduced and welcomed Commissioners Myetie Hamilton and Modesto Valle.

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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

A nomination was made by President LaVelle, that Nicole Ginger and Timothy O'Connell will serve as Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) delegates for the Chicago Park District. A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Vice President King that the nomination be adopted. The nomination carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Munoz, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

[21-1336-101](#)

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FILING OF THE BOND ORDER FOR THE SERIES 2021A BONDS

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Bond Order Filing

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[21-1333-101](#)

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, that the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 8, 2021 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Munoz, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards and King

Abstain: 2 - Hamilton and Valle

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

Recognition of Ixhelt Gonzalez and her mentor, Adaptive Sports coach, Dan Ferreira, for Gonzalez's Bronze medal at the Tokyo Paralympics on the USA women's wheelchair basketball team.

Disability Policy Officer, Larry Labiak, acknowledged Dan Ferreira and Ixhelt Gonzalez on their accomplishments within the Chicago Park District Adaptive Sports Program and for Gonzalez's Bronze medal at the Tokyo Paralympics. A short video was shown, then Dan Ferreira and Ixhelt Gonzalez shared a few words.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

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OVERVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION AND CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTATION OF SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS AT MORGAN SHOAL

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Presentation

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the Commissioners. A presentation was made on the partnership with the Public Building Commission and the Chicago Department of Transportation for design of shoreline improvements at Morgan Shoal.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

There was nothing to present.

6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS OCTOBER 13, 2021

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Michele Dreczynski (Lack of DFAs on the Near North Side - Equity of Access at

- Seward Park)
2. Kelsey Termini (Size and location of currently proposed Dog Friendly Area at Park 598)
3. Carl Lewis (Improvements at Brown Park)
4. Juanita Irizarry (Park district abuse investigations)
5. Andre Gordillo (Private music festivals being held at Douglass Park every summer)
6. Julia Morlock (Jefferson Park Orchestra Status)
7. Louise McCurry (Conditions in Jackson Park)
8. George Blakemore (Lifeguards)
9. Mary Anton (In favor of the UPARR planning for the eastern end of the Midway Plaisance)

These speakers were heard.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

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REQUEST TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION'S ARCHIVAL MATERIALS TO CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

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

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Munoz that the matter be postponed. The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 7-Ayes and 0-Nays.

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SITE DESIGN GROUP FOR MIDWAY PLAISANCE EAST END IMPROVEMENTS SPECIFICATION P-21010

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: 1-1 Economic Disclosure Statement

[Target Market Schedules M/WBE](#)

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

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Munoz,

that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Munoz, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzkzy, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

9. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Valle, that the meeting enter into Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1). The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 7-Ayes and 0-Nays.

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 Section 2, Subsection C, (1)

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INTRODUCTION OF INTERIM INSPECTOR GENERAL

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

This item was discussion only.

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RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL P. KELLY AS GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

This item was discussion only.

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APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

This item was discussion only.

10. OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Vice President King, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to return to Open Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1). The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 6-Ayes and 0-Nays.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Valle left the meeting during Closed Session.

Present: 6 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, President Avis LaVelle, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzkzy, Commissioner Donald Edwards, Vice President Tim King and Commissioner Myetie H. Hamilton

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Modesto Valle

Report on Closed Session Discussion

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 Section 2, Subsection C, (1)

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INTRODUCTION OF INTERIM INSPECTOR GENERAL

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

The Commissioners were introduced to Interim Inspector General, Alison Perona. No further action was taken on this matter.

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**RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL P. KELLY AS GENERAL
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

The Commissioners discussed the resignation of Michael P. Kelly as General Superintendent of the Chicago Park District. No further action was taken on this matter.

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**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF
THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Vice President King, that Rosa Escareno be appointed Interim General Superintendent of the Chicago Park District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Munoz, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky, Edwards, King and Hamilton

Absent: 1 - Valle

11. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Vice President King, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 6-Ayes and 0-Nays.