

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, December 1, 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

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 December 1, 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. 94 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation filed on November 12, 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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You may also access the agenda by going to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com, selecting the "Get Involved" tab and clicking on "Attend a Board Meeting." or view via our YouTube Page:
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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 Vice President Tim King

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.

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Tim King
Vice President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

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

Present: 6 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzkly, Commissioner Donald Edwards, Vice President Tim King, Commissioner Myetie Hamilton and Commissioner Modesto Valle

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[21-1366-120](#)

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RESOLUTION HONORING RETIREES

Indexes: Resolution-Honoring

Attachments: [Retiree Resolution 2021](#)

Interim General Superintendent and CEO, Rosa Escareno, read the Resolution into the record followed by a list of the retirees and a short farewell video.

A motion was made by Commissioner Valle and seconded by Commissioner Edwards that the Resolution be approved. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzkly, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

[21-1367-120](#)

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FILING OF THE BOND ORDERS FOR THE SERIES 2021BCD BONDS, THE SERIES 2021E BONDS, AND THE SERIES 2021F BONDS

Sponsors: Treasurer and Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Bond Order Filing

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[21-1368-120](#)

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING ON NOVEMBER 10, 2021, AND THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Netzkly, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried by

the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Munoz, Hemphill Netzkzy, Edwards, King, Hamilton and Valle

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

There was nothing to present.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

[21-1373-120](#)

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ANNUAL UPDATE FROM THE CHICAGO PARKS FOUNDATION

Indexes: Presentation

Willa Lang, Executive Director of the Chicago Parks Foundation, addressed the Commissioners and presented a brief overview of the Foundation and provided an update on accomplishments from 2021.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

[21-1369-120](#)

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

There was nothing to report.

6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

[21-1370-120](#)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS DECEMBER 1, 2021

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Louise McCurry (Jackson Park flooding issues at Lakeshore Drive and 63rd Street and volunteers in the park)
2. Patrick Donovan (Lifeguard uniforms)
3. LaVonte Stewart (Rosenblum Park status as a playground park and park budget)

These speakers were heard.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

[21-1372-120](#)[1](#)

2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Sponsors: Budget and Management

Indexes: Budget-Appropriation Ordinance

Jeffrey Shellhorn, Director of Budget and Management, addressed the Commissioners on the proposed budget for 2022. Rosa Escareno, Interim General Superintendent and CEO, also addressed the Commissioners on the proposed new Office of Prevention and Accountability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Valle and seconded by Commissioner Edwards that the matter be approved. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

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

9. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Munoz that the meeting be adjourned. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

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