

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

11:30 AM

**REGULAR MEETING  
FOSCO (PETER) PARK  
1312 S. Racine Avenue,  
Chicago, IL 60608**

## **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Donald Edwards*

*Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky*

*Commissioner Jose M. Munoz*

*Commissioner Andrea Telli*

*Commissioner Sharif Walker*

*Vice President Modesto Valle*

*President Myetie H. Hamilton*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 120/1.01 et seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the REGULAR BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Fosco (Peter) Park located at 1312 S. Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608 at 11:30 A.M. or immediately following the Public Hearing.

**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 Myetie H. Hamilton**

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**Myetie H. Hamilton**  
**President**

**Sarah Gelder**  
**Secretary**

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Public Hearing immediately prior to the Regular Board meeting.

## Roll Call

A Roll Call was made and the following Commissioners were found to be in attendance :

**Present:** 5 - President Myetie Hamilton, Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz and Commissioner Sharif Walker

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Donald Edwards and Commissioner Andrea Telli

## 1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[22-1092-091](#)

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### **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, AT 11:20 AM CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Certificate of Publication

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

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[22-1077-091](#)

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### **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2022**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Munoz, that the Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Munoz, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Walker and Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Edwards and Telli

## 3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

[22-1083-091](#)

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### **RECOGNITION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PARTICIPATING ATHLETES IN THE 2022 SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES**

**Sponsors:** Community Recreation

**Indexes:** Presentation

Sandy Olson, Director of Programming, introduced Mike Benavente, Director of Special Olympics, who gave a presentation on the Chicago Park District Special Olympics programs and participating athletes. He also introduced program participants.

The following participants were in attendance: Timothy McDonough, Lucy Walsh, Peter Hertl, Allison Berggren, Nichole Flores, Frank Kajdanowski, Edward Doby, Jose Sanchez, Ashley Elizabeth Reed, James Naughton, Karyn Mrotek, Jonathan Robertson, and Matt Gorski. Carter Sanders was recognized, but unable to attend. Additionally, Coaches Lori Michalski and Lisa Wisniewski were also in attendance.

Participants Frank Kajdanowski and James Naughton also addressed the Commissioners on their experience with the Chicago Park District Special Olympics program.

#### 4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

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##### PRESENTATION ON CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT LARGE SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO UPDATE THE PERMIT PROCESS

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office and Law Department

**Indexes:** Presentation; Code Change

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A - Proposed Chapter VII Code Amendments](#)  
[Existing Chapter VII of the Code of the Chicago Park District](#)

Juliet Azimi, Chief Administrative Officer, addressed the Commissioners and gave a presentation on Chicago Park District large special events.

President Hamilton introduced the proposal for a Chicago Park District Code amendments to require Board approval for all events with 10,000 or more attendees and relayed that there would be a 45-day public comment period on the proposed amendments to ensure community input. Vice President Valle addressed the importance of bringing more transparency, equity and inclusion into the permit process for large Chicago Park District events. Rosa Escareno addressed the District's efforts to continue to improve the permit process and engage the community around large event permits.

Heather Keil, Interim General Counsel, presented the proposed amendments to Chapter VII of the Code of the Chicago Park District to update the permit process.

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

There was nothing to present.

## 6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

AUGUST 10, 2022

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

President Hamilton yielded the floor to State Representative, Edgar Gonzalez Jr. of the 21st District followed by the Chief of Staff, Jesus Martinez, for State Representative, Lakesia Collins of the 9th District. Both Representatives encouraged the Chicago Park District to work with the neighboring community to improve the impacts of festivals in Douglass Park.

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. David Hoyt (Addressed the impacts of festivals in Douglass Park)
2. Gloria Talamantes (Addressed the impacts of festivals in Douglass Park on surrounding schools' use of the park and proposed improvements to park assets including a new rubber track)
3. Denise Ferguson (Addressed the impacts of festivals in Douglass Park and the neighborhood's need for more open space)
4. Noreen McNulty (Addressed the impacts of festivals in Douglass Park)
5. Ana Solano (Request for clearer community engagement guidelines for festival organizers and more oversight by the Chicago Park District)
6. Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfonger (Request for the District to make funding decisions through an equity lens, for Douglass Park festivals to be more financially accessible to the surrounding community, and for equal distribution of park resources)
7. Cecilia Butler (Proposed a stadium in Washington Park and once built, to name the men's gym in honor of a PAC member who passed away)
8. Kevin McGurn (Proposal to rename Paschen Park in honor of the Pollard family)
9. May Toy (Addressed an outstanding permit request within the Skinner Park)
10. Brandon Meng (Addressed the demand for tennis courts at McGuane and Dunbar Parks)

Michele Dreczynski submitted Written Testimony.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

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### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT FOR ADDITIONAL 2022 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Sponsors: Chief Financial Officer and Budget and Management

**Indexes:** Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

**Attachments:** [Proposed 2022 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance](#)  
[2022 Annual Appropriation Ordinance](#)

**Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Munoz that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Munoz, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Walker and Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Edwards and Telli

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GEORGE  
SOLLITT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR RIDGE PARK  
FIELDHOUSE RENOVATIONS  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-22007**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** EDS-George Sollitt Construction Company  
[MWBE-George Sollitt Construction Company](#)

**Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, and Mark Reed, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Vice President Valle that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Munoz, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Walker and Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Edwards and Telli

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KLF  
ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SAND,  
GRAVEL, STONE AND RELATED MATERIALS  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-20022**

**Sponsors:** Cultural and Natural Resources

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** EDS-KLF Enterprises  
[MWBE-KLF Enterprises](#)

**Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources, and Mark Reed, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Walker that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Munoz, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Walker and Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Edwards and Telli

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**ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION  
PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**SETTLEMENT IN THE CASE OF  
LYDIA VEGA V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, NO. 2013-cv-00451**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Settlement Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Munoz that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Munoz, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Walker and Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Edwards and Telli

**9. ADJOURNED**

President Hamilton announced the date, time and location for the upcoming Public Budget Forum on September 21, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Munoz that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Munoz, Valle, Hemphill Netzky, Walker and Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Edwards and Telli