

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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 January 26, 2022 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 COVID-19 Executive Order No. 97 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation filed on January 7, 2022 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:  
<https://rebrand.ly/CPD-Live-Board-Meeting-1-26-22>

You may also access the agenda by going to [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://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.

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.

**Tim King**  
**Vice President**

**Sarah Gelder**  
**Secretary**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**1. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

[22-1001-012](#)

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Certificate of Publication

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

[22-1002-012](#)

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**CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2022  
ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERKS OF  
COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Certificate of Filing

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

[22-1000-012](#)

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR  
MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2021**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

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

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

**3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:**

[22-1014-012](#)

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**RECOGNITION OF PARK DISTRICT STAFF EXCELLENCE DURING THE CHALLENGES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Sponsors:** General Superintendent

Interim General Superintendent, Rosa Escareno, gave a presentation in recognition of Park District staff excellence during the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:**

[22-1012-012](#)

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**PRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**Sponsors:** Office of Inspector General

**Indexes:** Presentation

Interim Inspector General, Alison Perona, gave a presentation regarding the Office of Inspector General 2021 Annual Report.

[22-1009-012](#)

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER IV OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO UPDATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Code Change

**Attachments:** [Existing Chapter 4 of the Code](#)  
[Proposed Chapter 4 Code Change-Exhibit A](#)

Interim General Superintendent, Rosa Escareno, presented proposed amendments to Chapter IV of the Chicago Park District Code to update the Human Rights Ordinance and to establish the Office of Prevention and Accountability. Vice President King noted that this presentation will start a 45-day public comment period, then the Board of Commissioners would consider approval of the proposed amendments following the 45-day comment period.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

There was nothing to present.

**6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:**

**22-1003-012**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
JANUARY 26, 2022**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

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

1. Emily Dupree (Jackson Park PAC membership eligibility requirements)
2. Avi Schwab (Jackson Park PAC membership eligibility requirements)
3. Susannah Ribstein (Jackson Park PAC membership eligibility requirements)
4. Louise McCurry (Jackson Park PAC history and growth of the PAC, appreciation of new track and field, and 130th anniversary of the agreement with the government of Japan for the Garden of the Phoenix )
5. Daniel Egel-Weiss (Proposed Kolmar Park Renaming)
6. Daniel Pogorzelski (Proposed Kolmar Park Renaming)
7. Dave Kostelansky (Lake Shore Park ongoing park projects)
8. Patrick Donovan (Employee relationship rules)
9. Catherine Sollman (Concerns with Douglass Park festivals)
10. Susan Mullen (Concerns with Douglass Park festivals)
11. Leslie Recht (Grant Park PAC concerns with MB Real Estate management of Maggie Daley Park)

These speakers were heard.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was nothing to present.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

[22-1008-012](#)

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**AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
 AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND VARIOUS  
 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO  
 ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF VARIOUS FUNDS AND SERVICES FOR  
 PARK PROJECTS**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)

Senior Counsel, Joseph Bornstein, addressed the Commissioners.

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

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

[22-1006-012](#)

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**CHANGE ORDER NO. 01: \$458,505.30  
 REVERE (PAUL) PARK FIELDHOUSE & CLUBHOUSE RESTORATION  
 STRUCTURES CONSTRUCTION LLC  
 SPECIFICATION NO. P-16008-027**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Change Order

**Attachments:** [Revised Schedule A - Structures](#)

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

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

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

[22-1010-012](#)

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**REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO RENAME  
KOLMAR PARK IN HONOR OF GERTRUD KOLMAR**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Park Renaming-Phase I, 45 Day Notice Period

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

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

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

[22-1013-012](#)

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**AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH THE INTERIM  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF SERVICE**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Vice President King addressed the Commissioners.**

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

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

**9. CLOSED SESSION:**

Pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2 Subsection C, (1), (21)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, that meeting enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**10. OPEN SESSION**

## Report on Closed Session Discussion

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the meeting return to Open Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES REVIEW

**Indexes:** Executive Session Minute Reveiw

**Attachments:** EXCERPT ILLINOIS OPEN MEETING ACT

[EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES - Minutes Released](#)

The Commissioners met in Closed Session to discuss the release meeting minutes for the following dates: June 9, 2021, July 16, 2021, September 8, 2021, October 8, 2021, October 13, 2021, November 2, 2021, and November 10, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton to approve the release of Closed Session minutes for public inspection. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

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

## 11. ADJOURNED

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

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