

## **SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**

**March 22, 2018**

### **PRESENT**

Dorothy Hudson  
Alex Alemis  
Angela Hurlock  
Robert Loncar

### **ABSENT**

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond

### **SERVICE PROVIDER**

Tom Schell  
Dave Price  
Diane Abbott

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Robert Loncar, seconded by Alex Alemis. Motion carried.

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the February 28, 2018, meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections or deletion to the minutes, a motion to approve the February 28, 2018, meeting minutes was made by Alex Alemis, seconded by Robert Loncar. Motion carried.

### **3. Financial Report**

Financial Reports for the month ending February 28, 2018, were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of February. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to accept the February Financial Reports was made by Alex Alemis, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

### **4. Cash Flow / Receivables**

Mr. Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the February, 2018 bank reconciliation. After discussion, a motion to accept the February bank reconciliation was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Robert Loncar. Motion carried.

Mr. Schell reported that as of the date of the meeting, cash in the bank totaled \$235,743. Mr. Schell stated that \$205,944 will be coming in the next two weeks (TIF Rebate).

### **5. Items for Approval**

Mr. Schell presented the February and March invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the February and March invoices was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Robert Loncar. Motion carried.

### **6. Program Manager Report**

Mr. Price presented the Strategy Deployment Review using the SD Matrix SSA #5 handout. Mr. Price stated the goals were to increase occupancy with engaged residents and increase security/decrease incidents within the SSA. According to the matrix, the February incidents were 1.50 mainly due to the snow storm. This is a significant decrease.

Mr. Price presented an update regarding the Façade Rebate Program. Mr. Price stated that no business owners are interested yet but there are property owners interested. Mr. Price said that once the applications are ready, he will review the application and then have the applicant present at the SSA meeting for a vote. Mr. Price stated that 2 businesses went through the Scale Up Program.

Mr. Price shared the SSA 5 Facebook page: Commercial Avenue SSA@sweethomesouthchicago. Mr. Price projected the Facebook page for all to view. Mr. Price also projected the work that has been completed thus far on the SSA 5 website. Mr. Price presented a proposal to have a drone video of the south Chicago SSA 5, and some of the key locations featured. The commissioners encouraged Mr. Price to complete this task.

Mr. Price informed that he has not received permission from any of the potential locations for the Drive By Art. All the owners he was able to contact, declined to have the art on their buildings. Mr. Price will approach the Family Dollar location to see he if can gain permission to proceed with the Drive By Art project. The commissioners agreed that without permission, the Drive By Art cannot be accomplished.

Mr. Price proposed the development of working committees to ensure that some of the objectives can be met. Mr. Price stated the Security Committee is already in place and meeting in April to focus on gaining security cameras for the SSA 5 neighborhood. Mr. Price stated the other two committees needed are a Marketing Committee and a Planning & Development Committee. The commissioners stated that they would prefer Mr. Price develop these committees, work within these committees and then present any items needing approval to the commissioners.

Mr. Price presented ideas for tree planting along Commercial Avenue and/or landscaping. Mr. Price discussed the Traffic Calming Bump Outs as another way to help beautify the Commercial Avenue street. It was requested that Mr. Price try to locate a map of where any remaining vaulted sidewalks are located in order to try to have conformity in the planting and potential planters or Bump Outs.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

Mr. Schell stated that (12) RFP's have been sent out to auditing firms in the month of January. Mr. Schell stated that this audit will only cover a four month period of time.

## **8. Adjournment**

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. was made by Alex Alemis, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – April 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

