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SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2018

PRESENT

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond
Dorothy Hudson
Alex J. Alemis
Angela Hurlock
Robert Loncar

ABSENT

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUESTS

Brice Johnson
Ismael Cuevas

Meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 22, 2018, meeting were reviewed. There being one correction to the minutes. Robert Loncar stated he believed the tree planting was approved. After the correction was noted, a motion to approve the March 22, 2018, meeting minutes was made by Robert Loncar, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Website Presentation by Brice Johnson

Brice Johnson revealed the Sweet Home South Chicago website and the work he has completed to date. The Commissioners requested a few adjustments and additions to the page.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending March 31, 2018, were reviewed and discussed. Thomas Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of March. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to accept the March Financial Reports was made by Angela Hurlock, seconded by Robert Loncar. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Thomas Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the March, 2018 bank reconciliation. After discussion, a motion to accept the March bank reconciliation was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Angela Hurlock. Motion carried.

Thomas Schell reported that as of the date of the meeting, cash in the bank totaled \$363,145.

5. Items for Approval

Thomas Schell presented the March and April invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the March and April invoices was made by Angela Hurlock, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price presented the Strategy Deployment Review using the SD Matrix SSA #5 handout. Dave Price stated the goals were to increase occupancy with engaged residents and increase security/decrease incidents within the SSA. According to the matrix, the March incidents were reduced, with security and increased police presence the numbers went down. The numbers of vacant store fronts will increase in May and the special events goal will need to be examined.

Dave Price presented an update regarding the Façade Rebate Program. Dave Price stated that thus far:

- Letters were mailed to every business owner
- Several who need work but not interested
- Several moved forward with process but do not trust or do not want to be bothered
- Some have indicated interest but no follow through
- (5) Completed Applications for review.

It was decided to schedule a special meeting in order to review each of the completed proposals and approve or disapprove. The special meeting for thoroughly reviewing each proposal is scheduled for May 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the MB location.

Ismael Cuevas presented the proposed Community Identifier Sculpture and the locations the City of Chicago have chosen to place the sculptures. A request for the SSA 5 to purchase one of the community identifier sculptures was presented. After discussion, a motion to approve a community identifier sculpture at 92nd Street and Commercial Avenue, not exceeding \$55,000 for was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Dave Price presented information regarding the Traffic Calming Proposal and that this is a long term project that could not begin until 2019 or 2020. Dave Price stated there are many steps and approvals involved in this project and that the cost could go as high as \$270,000. The commissioners decided that this conversation be tabled until the next meeting when all the commissioners could hear the information.

Dave Price provided a security committee update. In order to install (4) security cameras, the cost would be \$40,000. Dave Price informed another option would be to offer private camera initiative that would cost \$2100 each. Dave Price suggested offering this option to business owners with a rebate of 25% - 75%. As part of the security rebate project, Dave Price suggested that the SSA 5 offer free floodlight lighting to business owners with the condition that they have pay to have it installed.

7. Adjournment

There being no additional time to discuss business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – May 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.