

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

**October 25, 2018**

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ABSENT**

Dorothy Hudson

### **SERVICE PROVIDER**

Tom Schell  
Dave Price  
Diane Abbott

#### Guests:

Alma Torres and Mitchell Gray  
Albert Garcia and Crystal Senda  
Carlos Gonzalez

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

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

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

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

The minutes of the September 27, 2018, meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the September 27, 2018, meeting minutes was made by Angela Hurlock, seconded by Robert Loncar. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 2, 2018, special meeting, to review the 2017 Annual Financial Report with the auditors, were reviewed. There being no corrections or

additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the October 2, 2018, meeting minutes was made by Robert Loncar, seconded by Angela Hurlock. Motion carried.

### **3. Financial Report**

Financial Reports for the month ending September 30, 2018, were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of September. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to accept the September Financial Reports was made by Robert Loncar, seconded by Angela Hurlock. Motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Schell reported that as of the date of the meeting, cash in the bank totaled \$536,655.

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

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

Dave Price presented a new Façade Rebate application from David Perez. The application is to remove a bubble awning and repair/tuck-point the brick after removal. After reviewing application and a brief discussion, a motion to approve the façade rebate application for \$1,875.00 was made by Robert Loncar, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Dave Price proposed a shopping bag initiative. Dave suggested it will be a great way to increase interest in the Commercial Avenue shopping district as well as be an advertising tool for the SSA 5. The bags would be in English and Spanish. One side of the bag will say "Special Service Area 5 Commercial Avenue". The other side to say "South Chicago I shop locally". Commissioners requested to have the bags in the color red and if possible without incurring an additional cost, to also have bags in the color blue. A motion to purchase 5,000 bags at the cost of \$1.73 each, and a \$45.00 each side set of fee was made by Angela Hurlock, seconded by Alex J.

Alemis. Motion carried.

Dave Price presented a quote for Real-Time Incident Reporting from Sprint Mobile Hotspot. This will allow the security firm to do up-to-date reporting on incidents in the SSA 5. The cost to be \$80.00 a month. A motion to purchase the Real-Time Incident Reporting service for \$80.00 a month was made by Robert Loncar, seconded by Angela Hurlock. Motion carried.

## **6. Program Manager Report**

Dave Price presented the TTI Bowling Chart and the target areas to improve with the goals to improve them. Dave stated that once the work is completed, he will count the façade rebates that were awarded. Dave pointed out that the number of security incidents are lower but that is due to the new security firm not labeling incidents in the same fashion as the last firm.

Dave Price introduced the potential new commissioners and Bonnie Dinell-Diamond requested that they share a little information about themselves and why they would like to serve as SSA 5 Commissioners. Alma Torres spoke on behalf of the Director of the Latino Resource Institute but this is not related to new commissioner. She spoke about their security concerns. Albert Garcia from State Farm Insurance, and Carlos Gonzalez from Dulce Café spoke about their interest. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commissioner candidate, Mr. Laurentino Ramirez, Program Manager of the Spanish Coalition for Housing was unable to attend the meeting. The commissioners suggested each potential commissioner fill out the application and return as soon as possible.

At this time, Dave Price had another appointment and left the meeting.

Dave had a slide listing the progress in the Green Committee thus far. The lots have been cleared and look great. It was requested that Dave investigate the Tree Planting from the Forestry Department.

Mr. Schell suggested that the commissioners review the security report. There were no questions or discussion regarding the report.

Mr. Schell stated the Homeless Survey Proposal will be tabled until the next meeting when Dave Price could present it.

Angela Hurlock discussed the Criminal Trespass Affidavit Program and stated that businesses signed up to be a part of this program. Business owners sign an affidavit that if someone is loitering in front of their store, the police have permission to remove the person from the premises.

Mr. Schell gave an update on the Christmas Decorations stating they will be hung before or around Thanksgiving. Mr. Schell stated the solar lights will not work as planned. The sample tried did not light up the decorations as hoped.

Mr. Schell stated that Dave Price left the meeting to meet with the school regarding the People Plaza and that it sounds like this project is moving forward.

Mr. Schell stated that Dave Price will address the Facebook Page at the next meeting.

Immaculate Conception Church requested the SSA 5 help in their fundraiser. The SSA 5 is part of Government/State and cannot send money to churches. If the members choose to help out of their own pockets they can.

## **7. Old / New Business**

Alex J. Alemis stated that the Jackson Hewitt Façade Rebate approved project had some extra issues with tuck-pointing. The cost may remain the same yet the work required may be shifted to address these unexpected costs.

Alex J. Alemis presented that the C & G window frames were not going to be the bronze frames as he initially presented. It was requested that the frames be the clear instead of the white as not to contrast the front of the buildings too drastically.

Angela Hurlock requested the SSA support the annual Thanksgiving dinner if no other agency is helping to fund this event. Robert Loncar motioned to request up to \$1,000 for assistance with the Thanksgiving dinner at the YMCA only if it is not already taking place through another entity, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion Carried.

Robert Loncar offered to invite a graphic designer to the next meeting to present SSA 5 official logo ideas and the cost to develop SSA 5 logo.

## **8. Adjournment**

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. was made by Robert Loncar, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – November 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.



