

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2019

PRESENT

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond
Alex J. Alemis
Angela Hurlock
Dorothy Hudson
Laurentino Ramirez

ABSENT

Albert Garcia

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUESTS

John Heroff, 10th Ward Alderwoman's Office
Danielle Richards, Alliance of the Southeast
Arnold Bradford, Crossroads Collaborative
Ernest Sander, Claretian Associates

Meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m. Guests were welcomed and introduced.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for the March 28, 2019, meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the March 28, 2019, meeting minutes was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending March 31, 2019, were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of March. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the March 31, 2019 Financial Reports was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Mr. Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the March, 2019 bank reconciliation. After a discussion, a motion to accept the March bank reconciliation was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Mr. 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 Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

A Façade Rebate Application for 8800 Commercial Avenue was reviewed by the commissioners. After discussion and clarification from the business owner, Alex J. Alemis made a motion to approve the application pending the proposed clad will match as closely to the existing brick work as possible, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Bonnie Dinell-Diamond abstained. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price discussed the Arbor Day Events. The Arbor Day week-long celebration kicked off with an event on April 20, 2019, sponsored by the Mission Dispensary. This event had DJ, live art component and a neighborhood clean-up. Dave Price displayed a photo of the live art that SSA 5 purchased. It was requested that in the future, the artwork be approved or ideas recommended prior to the work being completed. Dave Price stated that he had 47 people sign a sign-in sheet with their information. Dave Price handed out 108 SSA 5 shopping bags and cards for upcoming events. Dave Price estimated that 200 people participated throughout the day.

Dave Price stated the tree Planting event will happen on April 26, 2019.

Dave Price requested volunteers to help with the SSA 5 clean-up and garden event on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Dave requested volunteers meet at the garden at 9:00 a.m. that day (3104-3108 E. 92nd Street). The groups will work to clean-up selected sites and then finish at the community garden site for a BBQ at 2:00 p.m. Dave Price stated that the Streets and Sanitation Department will provide rakes and garbage bags on this day.

Dave Price reported on the safety committee meeting. The committee would like to start to clean up and gate unsafe lots, buildings, yards, within the SSA 5. Each location will be presented and seek approval from the commissioners.

Dave Price shared an email he received from the City regarding the community garden. Angela Hurlock stated that if possible, Claretian Associates would work with Neighbor Space to ensure this project is implemented.

Dave Price reviewed the Revitalization Plan and discussed the areas that have been accomplished, whether by the SSA 5 or other agencies. Dave Price identified his main goals and several smaller goals for the year. Major goals are: Develop a small business incubator to assist community residents in starting businesses. Also, Examine potential spots/streets/plazas along corridor for pedestrian and street vendor use. Ongoing goals include: Brand corridor with unique log and theme which reflects South Chicago. Assist small business property owners in applying for building improvement grants. Develop Programming to celebrate events and history important to community residents.

Items for Discussion

John Heroff stated that the 10 Ward Alderwoman's office is installing three new bus pads in the 10th Ward.

Tom Schell shared that the SSA 5 audit was completed and only required two audit entries. Mr. Schell hopes to have a final copy to present at the SSA 5 May 23, 2019 meeting.

Dorothy Hudson requested that the community and possibly the SSA 5 could offer more help to the neighborhood homeless population. It was suggested to invite groups that help with this population such as Thresholds and Feather Fist to the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – May 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

