

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2019

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUESTS

Albert Garcia
Laurentino Ramirez
John Heroff, 10th Ward Alderwoman's Office
Danielle Richards, Alliance of the Southeast
Alberto Rincan, resident

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

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Alex J. Alemis requested a clarification/change be made to the February 28, 2019, minutes in the Program Manager Report, "A motion to accept the security rebate program with the maximum allocated to cap at 75% of the \$10,000.00 was made by Alex J. Alemis".

There being no other corrections or additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the corrected February 28, 2019, meeting minutes was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending February 28, 2019, 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 approve the February 28, 2019 Financial Reports was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Mr. Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the February, 2019 bank reconciliation. After a discussion, a motion to accept the February bank reconciliation was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

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 Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price discussed the Arbor Day Week-Long Event Proposal. The Arbor Day week-long will kick off with an event on April 20, 2019, sponsored by the Mission Dispensary. This event will have DJ, live art component and a neighborhood clean-up. Dave Price requested that the SSA 5 purchase the live art and display it throughout the SSA 5 in business windows and at the community garden once the garden is completed. Bonnie Dinell-Diamond made a motion to purchase two 8 X 8 pieces of art-work at the cost of \$850.00 - \$1,200.00 each, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion Carried.

Dave Price stated that the Green Committee wants to have an electronic waste recycling dumpster from April 22-26. Dave will explore the possible ways to secure the dumpster as well as the items placed in it.

Dave Price discussed the idea of planting fruit trees on a city owned lot with community access. Dave hopes to have this 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 said the gravel for the community garden is scheduled to be delivered. Dave Price said that once the gravel is spread, the fence contractor will install the fencing. Dave Price will purchase the shed, wood garden beds, water tank and top soil. Dave Price stated that the goal is to have the garden installation completed for the Arbor Day April 27th event.

Dave Price presented information regarding the South Chicago SBIF event to be held on April 11, 2019 at the MB Financial location beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dave Price has given information regarding this event to every business in the SBIF District and plans to give information to every non-profit.

Dave Price reported on the security report stating the incidents were lower for February. Dave Price believes this is due to a shorter month, and the cold weather. Dave Price stated the issues that are most concerning are the loitering and homeless as well as the vacant unsecured structures.

Dave Price informed that the vacant building at 8854 S. Commercial Avenue has a demolition order. Dave Price stated that the two lots next to this property are going to be adopted by the Children's Earth group and that they would also adopt this lot once it is cleared.

7. Items for Discussion

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond discussed the UIC Revitalization Plan and stated that many of the goals have begun to be implemented throughout the SSA 5. The commissioners requested that the goal page be rewritten to reflect the appropriate agencies involved and to reflect the actual steps that have already been started.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – April 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

