



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2019

PRESENT

Laurentino Ramirez
Dorothy Hudson
Albert Garcia
Alex J. Alemis
Angela Hurlock

ABSENT

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUEST

Robert Wisz, Royal Bank and Hegewisch Business Association
Laura Shallow, Royal Bank
Danielle Richards, Alliance of the Southeast

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

There being no corrections or additions to the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the November 21, 2019, meeting minutes was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending November 30, 2019, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of November. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the November 30, 2019 Financial Reports was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the November, 2019 bank reconciliation. After a discussion, a motion to accept the November bank reconciliation was made by Albert Garcia, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the November and December invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the November and December invoices was made by Albert Garcia, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Alex J. Alemis presented a Façade Rebate Application. Family Dental Care is expanding into the C & G Restaurant space and would like to remove and replace the bubble awning they now have hanging outside the building. Mr. Alemis was dismissed while the application was reviewed. After reviewing the application guidelines, a motion to deny the application based on the guideline stating “property owner or business owner could not receive funding in consecutive years”, was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Albert Garcia. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price provided a security update. Dave stated that the security committee is working to address the potential issues that will develop as a result of the cannabis legalization on January 1, 2020. The committee discussed and agreed that the legalization will result in dramatic illegal sales growth. Dave Price stated the committee is working to develop approaches to address anticipated problems and eliminate problems/issues as soon as possible. Dave Price is going to meet with each business owner to encourage them to report any and all issues to the security patrol or police. Dave Price will work closely with 10th Ward, Security Patrol, and Police to educate community, businesses and residents and hopefully, keep incidents down.

Dave Price informed that only 6 incidents were reported in November. Dave stated this could be due to the colder temperatures and/or people not reporting when an incident does occur.

Dave Price gave an update on the Holiday Shopping Gift Card program. Dave has collected receipts for approximately \$23,000.00 spent within the commercial district and has distributed 53 gift cards. Dave Price has an application the individuals redeeming receipts need to complete. With this record keeping in place, Dave Price will be able to report how many gift cards went to residents of the SSA 5 and how many are from other areas.

Dave Price stated that Santa will be at locations throughout the SSA 5 in the coming days.

Dave Price said that he was approached by the owner of the old Payless Shoe store about using that space for the incubator. The owner is interested in pursuing a grant to help prepare the building for occupancy.

7. Items For Discussion

Old Business

Tom Schell stated that commissioners were given the upcoming dates for the 2020 SSA 5 meeting schedule and if any dates need to be changed to let Diane Abbott know by January 6, 2020.

Albert Garcia expressed concern over the loitering at the pawn shop next to his business. Dave Price said he would discuss with 10th Ward Alderwoman's office, 4th District Police, and security firm.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Albert Garcia. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – January 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.