



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2020

PRESENT

Laurentino Ramirez
Dorothy Hudson
Bonnie Dinell-Diamond
Alex J. Alemis
Angela Hurlock
Albert Garcia

ABSENT

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUEST

Karen Forte, DPD – SSA, City of Chicago
Adrian Brizuela, 10th Ward Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza's Office
Danielle Richards, Alliance of the Southeast

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Welcome Guests

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being two corrections to the minutes. Alex J, Alemis requested clarification on why one business received most of the holiday shopping gift card redemptions. Dave Price stated that in one case, a woman purchased multiple shoes in order to resell them (her business). Dave Price stated that the correct date for the Flea Market/Garage Sale date is Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. With the corrections noted, a motion to approve the January 23, 2020, meeting minutes was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2020, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of January. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the January 31, 2020 Financial Reports was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Albert Garcia. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the January, 2020 bank reconciliation. After a discussion, a motion to accept the January bank reconciliation was made by Albert Garcia, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the January and February invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the January and February invoices was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Albert Garcia. Motion carried.

Tom Schell presented a proposal to utilize the services of Sikich Audit Service for the 2019 and 2020 audits. A motion to approve the use of Sikich Audit Service for three years if permissible by the City of Chicago was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Albert Garcia. Motion carried.

Dave Price presented the photos and final costs for work completed from the security rebate application for the Olatoye Rehabilitation Center located at 9135 S. Exchange Avenue. A motion to approve the payment of \$7,462.50 to the vender for the work completed was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by

Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price presented a security update and the security committee meeting minutes. The 4th District Police Department has contacted the District Manager for McDonalds about getting a security officer put in place at the McDonalds on Commercial Avenue which stills seems to be where most of the incidents are occurring. Dave Price said that the 4th District P.D. is working with the 10th Ward Alderwoman's office on a solution for Sophia (getting her the long term care she needs). Dave Price informed that he and a Special Patrol Officer will visit all the businesses and focus on: informing all businesses about the new business sub-committee meetings at the 4th District; encouraging 311 calls; and recommending businesses call the security officer when there are issues/incidents needing intervention. Dave Price will act as the 4th District Business Subcommittee Chairperson. The goal is to have businesses meet and share best practices as well as to be a consistent voice for the 4th District P.D.

Dave Price distributed the Event Committee Meeting Minutes. Dave stated that he recruited two new members for this committee. The 3rd Thursday events are being planned. In an effort to have more child friendly activities, the event committee suggested that the SSA maybe purchase or find a storage unit to purchase some items instead of renting (bean bag toss, basketballs, face paints, etc.)

Dave Price stated that for the Educators Award Dinner he would like SSA 5 Commissioners to attend and to have an SSA 5 commissioner present the award. Dave Price said he wants swag bag or SSA 5 giveaway for event.

Dave Price said the Flea Market/Garage Sale will be Saturday, August 1, 2020, and will cost \$10.

Dave Price informed that for the Mexican Independence Day Parade this year, the SSA 5 will have a float and he will have SSA 5 giveaways (candy).

Dave Price stated that the principal at Randle-Robbins school wants to partner with the SSA 5 to hold a trunk and treat event on Halloween.

Dave Price said the wall mural installation is not going to occur at the site previously discussed as the brick of the building is in bad shape. The commissioners discussed other potential sites for the mural installation.

Dave price informed that the Meeting of Styles Event will be a yearly event in which they repaint the art at the 93rd Street viaduct.

Dave Price stated that Al Reyes who operates La Causa out of the old Angels Department Store has applied for a Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Grant; and

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they hope to be able to offer a meeting space or event space for SSA 5 to utilize.

7. Items For Discussion

Old Business

Mr. Schell stated that the two community identifiers have received approval from CDOT and can be expected to appear this summer. One located at 92nd Street outside of the Walgreens and the other at 8440 S. Commercial Avenue.

Mr. Schell said the banners will go up on the light poles April 1, 2020, but he needs the tag lines to complete the order. Tagline ideas due by March 15th.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Albert Garcia. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – March 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.