



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2020

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Laurentino Ramirez
Albert Garcia

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUEST

Terrence Cross, Illinois Security Professionals

Since there was not a quorum to begin the meeting, Mr. Terrence Cross was welcomed. Angela Hurlock presented her concerns with witnessing the security officer off the SSA 5 boundaries for an extended period of time instead of patrolling as agreed upon. Mr. Cross stated that the officer in question was suspended for a week and re-trained on his job responsibilities. Mr. Cross stated he prefers to have the officers on Commercial Avenue at all times. Alex J. Alemis said that the officers act as a deterrent as well as respond to situations. Mr. Cross stated that he will reinstate the foot patrol as soon as the Covid-19 crisis passes. Tom Schell stated that once the business district reopens it is crucial they start the foot patrol again. Mr. Schell and Ms. Hurlock thanked Mr. Cross for attending and listening to the commissioners concerns.

The tele-conference meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. once a quorum was reached.

1. Approval of the Agenda

There being no corrections or additions to the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being one correction to the April 23, 2020, meeting minutes, upon addition "After Alex J. Alemis presented the application, 'he recused himself and' left the tele-conference call", a motion to approve the April 23, 2020, meeting minutes was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending April 30, 2020, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of April. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the April 30, 2020 Financial Reports was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the April, 2020 bank reconciliation. After a discussion, a motion to accept the April bank reconciliation was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the April and May invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the April and May invoices was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price stated that the art installation project will be completed on May 31st. Dave Price encouraged the commissioners to stop by and see the work as well as to talk to the artists before work is completed. Dave Price said that AB Productions is going to do a press release and will have the drone footage along with a sound track. Bonnie Dinell-Diamond stated that she saw a Sun Times story featuring city murals and hopes we can have the paper cover this mural and story as well. Dave Price informed that the Mexican American Social Club plans to clear and clean up the lot behind their building and make the entire corner look great.

Dave Price presented a security update. The incidents were down due the stay at home requirements. The usual locations with McDonalds being the focal point of incidents. Dave Price said there was a vandalism incident involving older women harassed by vandals. Dave Price will speak to the women and encourage them to also call the security officer. He also wants to explain the security rebate application to these older women and will look for an interpreter to help with the discussions.

Dave Price informed that a building formerly boarded up has been broken into again. Dave Price stated that drug sales are taking place from this building and that he has reached out to the owner as well as CPD in order to facilitate securing the building.

It was mentioned that last summer, the commissioners requested adding another officer over the summer months. It was discussed that either the hours get extended and/or adding another security officer should be enacted. Dave Price said he would talk to the company and explore the options.

7. Items for Discussion

Tom Schell informed that the 2021 Budget and Work Plan Update are due in July.

Tom Schell shared that the tax bill will normally occur in July or August but will not have penalties if not paid until October. Mr. Schell said we will know more by September if and what would be received.

Tom Schell asked Alex J. Alemis to present the revised security rebate application from Family Dental Care. Alex stated that Family Dental Care is requesting to install (1) High Lumens LED spotlight for their parking lot and they managed to place the light on the Family Dental Care building and to install outside cameras with a DVR at the 3009 E. 92nd Street location. The light would illuminate from dusk to dawn. Since there was not the necessary quorum to vote, it was suggested that a teleconference meeting be scheduled to vote on the security rebate. Tom Schell asked that the meeting include the security rebate

vote and the Audit Review and approval. Mr. Schell will contact all to schedule a meeting once he receives final documents.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 p.m. was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – June 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.