



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2020

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Albert Garcia

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 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 Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being one correction to the May 28, 2020, meeting minutes, "Family Dental Care is requesting to install (1) High Lumens LED spotlight" a motion to approve the May 28, 2020, meeting minutes was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

There being no corrections or additions to the June 5, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, a motion to approve the June 5, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

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

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

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

5. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the May and June invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the May and June invoices was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price discussed the safety and security report for the month of May. Dave Price was not sure why the May 30 and 31 data was not included in the report. Dave Price stated that there has been an increase in the incidents in May as well as June. Dave Price said that during the warmer months the incidents tend to increase and this may be some of what is occurring. Dave Price said that so far for June, there is a dramatic increase in graffiti, loitering and vandalism. Dave Price informed that there is also an increase in the gang presence. Dave Price said the building at 89th and Commercial has once again been boarded up and he has noticed a CPD presence on this corner.

Dave Price requested that the SSA 5 explore other security firms and when this contract expires the possibility of switching to another firm. Dave Price has had several incidents that he feels the security should have reported and noticed yet he had to report to the security. Laurentino Ramirez volunteered to help Dave Price in the review and selection process.

Dave Price presented a listing and photos of some of the businesses that were impacted by the civil unrest and riots. Dave Price said that he has reached out to many of the businesses affected and a number of them are applying for small grants to repair and reopen.

Dave Price stated that the Security Committee will begin meeting again in July.

Dave Price shared that the state will move to Phase 4 of the Covid-19 reopen and will allow 100 in attendance for a single site event as long as people are not moving about the event. Dave Price said the Event Committee will resume in July to discuss what this means for trying to hold an event towards the end of summer. Dave Price stated they might be able to hold one event at multiple locations.

Dave Price shared that a group of volunteers cleaned up the lot adjacent to the mural and a local artist Roman Villarreal has donated a sculpture for this spot. The sculpture is titled "The Garden of Eden" and has been installed in this space. Dave Price asked if the SSA 5 would support or promote donations for the artist. Angela Hurlock said if the artist has a "go fund me" page for himself, the SSA 5 could encourage people to support his page.

The SSA 5 commissioners requested that any future art that the SSA 5 is sponsoring to be dedicated with a plaque or some other acknowledgement stating the title of artwork, artist name and sponsorship by the SSA 5.

Dave Price was going to ask Abie about the agreement to place SSA 5 logo or sponsorship on the mural.

7. Items for Discussion

Tom Schell informed regarding the Invest South*West Corridor Manager RFP. Tom Schell stated the RFP manager position is for a 5 year plan but will require approval for each year. Tom Schell stated that South Chicago Parents and Friends would like to partner with Claretian Associates in support of this individual and their efforts to have a consistent approach to work in the Commercial Avenue business district. This new individual could assist in the work that Dave Price has made in the business district networking and expansion. The application process is now and the winner of the RFP will be announced in August.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – July 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.