



Southeast Side  
**COMMUNITY**  
Business District  
Special Service Area 5

## **SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**

**September 24, 2020**

### **PRESENT**

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond  
Alex J. Alemis  
Angela Hurlock  
Laurentino Ramirez

### **ABSENT**

Dorothy Hudson  
Albert Garcia

### **SERVICE PROVIDER**

Tom Schell  
Dave Price  
Diane Abbott

### **GUESTS**

Adrian Brizuela, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza's Office, Attended  
Leonard Szwajkowski, Royal Bank, invited did not attend

The meeting of the SSA 5 Commission is called to order at 2:05 p.m. Pursuant to the applicable law and the determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, this meeting is conducted by video-conference call.

#### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

There being no corrections or additions, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

## **2. Approval of the Minutes**

There being no corrections or additions to the August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes, a motion to approve the August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

## **3. Financial Report**

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

## **4. Cash Flow / Receivables**

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

## **5. Items for Approval**

Tom Schell presented the July and August invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the July and August invoices was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

## **6. Program Manager Report**

Dave Price discussed the safety and security report for the month of August. Dave Price said that the areas of concern seem to be 89<sup>th</sup> and Commercial Avenue and the east side of 91<sup>st</sup> Street. Loitering is the main issue. Dave Price stated these areas are the same areas mentioned throughout the summer. The concern is that the businesses and residents are not calling 911 with problems that arise.

Dave Price is going to get quotes for a couple of locations that need security type fencing to discourage potential crimes. In one spot, the fencing was damaged due to a car accident. The other spot is a gangway that needs to be blocked to prevent potential drug related activity.

Dave Price shared the event committee's event that occurred on September 19, 2020. This mobile music event was called the 'drive-by DJ'. Dave Price stated that there were (8) volunteers for this event and all had a fun day. The "drive by DJ" had (14) locations/sites within the SSA 5 boundaries where they slowed or stopped for a period of time. It gave the volunteers an opportunity to pass out face masks and hand sanitizer to any residents they saw. The committee decided if this type of event was ever duplicated, they would have the DJ stay on the commercial district area where the traffic flow is much greater. Dave Price said that the committee might investigate (4) smaller events directly in each neighborhood.

Dave Price said that he is waiting on guidance from the City of Chicago regarding Halloween and whether any events can be held. Dave Price informed that the event committee would like to have a Trick or Treat event if possible. The event committee would like to purchase corn stalks to wrap poles within the commercial district and would stay up until the Holiday decorations in November. A motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 on fall decorations was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

Dave Price stated he has discussed the possibility of someone from Royal Bank becoming a commissioner. Dave Price said he would also like to see if Rick Svabek (former owner of Chevy dealership) would be interested in becoming a commissioner. Commissioners asked if there were any religious groups within the SSA 5 and the only church is Immaculate Conception.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

Tom Schell informed regarding the Invest Southwest Corridor Manager RFP. Tom Schell informed the Invest Southwest Corridor RFP was granted to South Chicago Parents and Friends. The SSA 5 will need to hire a manager to work in conjunction with Dave Price and the SSA 5 goals.

Tom Schell discussed the CY2019 Audit was finalized and that he would be contacting the auditors to schedule a zoom meeting to present the findings to the commissioners. Once the commissioners approve, the audit can be turned into the City of Chicago.

Angela Hurlock announced the 4<sup>th</sup> District Police Department Two-Part Series to create the 4<sup>th</sup> District's Strategic Planning Community Conversation, Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. Angela Hurlock announced Claretian Associates online Trauma Symposium scheduled daily October 5 through October 9, 2020.

### **Adjournment**

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – October 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via video-conference.