



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2020

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Albert Garcia

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUESTS

Laura Shallow, Royal Bank

The meeting of the SSA 5 Commission is called to order at 2:10 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 Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being no corrections or additions to the November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes, a motion to approve the November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending November 30, 2020, were tabled until the January 28, 2020 meeting as Tom Schell found an error prior to the meeting start and was not able to get the corrections to all the commissioners before the meeting for review.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the November, 2020 bank reconciliation. After a discussion, a motion to accept the November bank reconciliation was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the one outstanding October invoice, and the November and December invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the one October and the November and December invoices was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price discussed the safety and security summary report for the month of November. Dave Price was disappointed as the biggest incident that occurred was missing from the report. Dave Price described the incident that occurred on the Saturday after Thanksgiving as he was a witness. The commissioners were also disappointed that this incident was missing from the report. Dave Price stated that the traffic in the commercial district is very low since the shooting. Dave Price said very few people are going shopping and that the last Santa event had maybe 6 children whereas the first event had close to 100 children. Dave Price said the individual killed was a known gang member. Dave Price informed that since the shooting, two of the main drug dealers have been arrested and the drug traffic has come to a halt.

Laurentino Ramirez asked if McDonalds had gotten their own security as it is the first time they are not listed on the incident report. Dave Price said that the McDonalds had sold and was under the “no indoor dining mandate” so that may be the reason no incidents or that the new owner and new manager are stricter and not allowing any incidents to actually occur. Dave Price stated that other than the shooting, the incidents remain the same type of incidents that have been reflected in all the previous reports.

Dave Price, Tom Schell, Laurentino Ramirez and Diane Abbott completed the security proposal reviews and interviews on Monday, December 14, 2020 with Dave Price taking the lead. Of the four applications, Dave Price only conducting three interviews as the fourth firm did not have an adequate proposal. Dave Price and other interviewers felt that the AGB (Always Giving Back) Firm had the most professional and complete application as well as interview. They had the most experience and can provide references for other SSA's that are satisfied with their performance as a SSA security firm. Dave Price felt that All Points Security also had some good points and experience but did not beat that of AGB. Dave Price stated that the security firm currently used (ISP) offers experience in the SSA5 but has been lacking in a couple areas that the commissioners feel are very important.

After a discussion and question period, it was decided that the SSA 5 would move forward with onboarding AGB as the SSA 5 security firm beginning in January 2021.

Tom Schell stated that once the official contract was received, the commissioners can review and vote by email to begin contract. All the commissioners present at the meeting agreed to this procedure.

Dave Price updated that there will be one more weekend of outdoor Santa and that 37 gift cards have been redeemed so far. There will be gift card redemptions after Christmas as well before the wrap up. Laura Shallow, from Royal Bank thanked Dave Price for taking the Santa outdoors and for still having a Santa in the business district. Dave Price stated that the outdoor Santa may be the way to do a Santa from now. Dave Price said it does draw more attention and traffic to the business district.

Dave Price stated that the artists of the mural would like to have a plaque made explaining the mural. The text that was provided was too lengthy. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that portions of the text would be submitted to all the commissioners via google document in order to help facilitate the process of refining the text and agreeing upon the final wording.

Dave Price asked if the commissioners would consider another mural in 2021. The commissioners felt it is best to put this discussion on hold until 2021 to determine the status of the tax revenue as well as Covid-19, etc.

Items for Discussion

Angela Hurlock SSA 5 Chairperson thanked Dave Price and the commissioners for their hard work and dedication for another successful year.

Tom Schell presented the 2021 meeting calendar.

Angela Hurlock stated that the Claretian Associates would be giving away 100 hot meals catered by Roma's for Christmas at the South Chicago YMCA.

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 Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – January 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via video-conference.