



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

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

**January 28, 2021**

### **PRESENT**

Laurentino Ramirez  
Albert Garcia  
Bonnie Dinell-Diamond  
Angela Hurlock

### **ABSENT**

Alex J. Alemis  
Dorothy Hudson

### **SERVICE PROVIDER**

Tom Schell  
Dave Price  
Diane Abbott

### **GUEST**

Susan Sadlowski Garza, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman  
Adrian Brizuela, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza's Office  
Laura Shallow, Royal Bank  
Alicia Harper and Captain Salmon, AGB Investigative  
Curtrice Bush, House of Mercy and Grace  
Tina Crocker, House of Mercy and Grace  
Robert Crocker, House of Mercy and Grace  
Janice Crocker, House of Mercy and Grace  
Yasmin Aurora, Mark Realty  
Emily Park, Mark Realty

The 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 Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

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

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the December 17, 2020, meeting minutes was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

## **3. Financial Report**

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

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

## **Presentation**

At this time, Susan Sadlowski Garza 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman asked if the group from House of Mercy and Grace could present their information to the SSA 5 commissioners.

Ms. Curtrice Bush informed that House of Mercy and Grace is a 501(3) c organization to help the homeless. Ms. Bush presented the mission and goals of the organization. Ms. Bush said the organization is planning to purchase a building in the SSA 5 boundaries and wanted to present to the community for information sharing as well as to create positive awareness. A discussion regarding the need to offer this type of service within the SSA 5 ensued. The discussion also included exploring other building locations as the building selected may not meet the city code for the mission of the House of Mercy and Grace. The Alderwoman as well as the SSA 5 Chairperson Angela Hurlock agreed to provide further information to the House of Mercy and Grace regarding buildings. Ms. Curtrice Bush agreed to forward the business plan for House of Mercy and Grace.

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

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

#### **5. Items for Approval**

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

#### **6. Program Manager Report**

Dave Price presented a security data and incidents update. Captain Salmon read the summary report from the first couple of weeks as the new security firm. Captain Salmon said there were (6) calls made and explained the nature of each call. Dave Price requested that in the future, the report also include graphs and charts to compare the data of past months and years to the current data. Dave Price stated a comprehensive report helps the security committee members at their monthly meetings. Dave Price emphasized the request for the security firm to build strong relationships with the business owners so that businesses feel comfortable and willing to call the security firm and keep them in the loop of the happenings in the SSA 5.

Dave Price updated on the progress of the Invest Southwest Corridor project. Dave Price stated that he is developing a business inventory in the sales force data base. Dave Price is hoping to have working groups to drive the development of and completion of the ISW goals. Dave Price said he is seeking a part-time, bilingual employee that has experience in business, community development, and technology/marketing. Dave Price is establishing the metrics on how to measure success for this project.

Dave Price announced that a new business was awarded a NOF grant to open JJJ Burgers at 8904 S. Commercial Avenue.

At this time, a quorum was no longer met and the remaining agenda items could not be presented for approved. The Façade Rebate Application will be added to next month's agenda.

Dave Price did present the Façade Rebate application and the commissioners discussed the proposal. Without a quorum there could not be a vote.

Tom Schell stated that he would email each of the commissioners a copy of the 2020 Budget Reconciliation since this does need to be commissioner approved and delivered to the City before the next scheduled meeting takes place.

## **7. Items For Discussion**

Old Business

There was no old business.

## **Adjournment**

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

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – February 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.