



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Albert Garcia
Laurentino Ramirez

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUEST

Laura Shallow, Royal Bank
Captain Kevin Salmon, AGB Investigative
Curtrice Bush, House of Mercy and Grace

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 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 Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the February 25, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending February 28, 2021, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of February. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the February 28, 2021 Financial Reports was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the February, 2021 bank reconciliation. After a discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the February bank reconciliation was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the February and March invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the February and March invoices was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Tom Schell introduced Laura Shallow from Royal Bank as a potential new commissioner for the SSA 5. A motion to move forward with the SSA 5 commissioner application for approval of Laura Shallow was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price presented the security committee report. Captain Salmon said he was waiting for the metrics from the CPD in order to generate the monthly report

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the SSA 5 is interested in receiving.

Dave Price requires the data regarding the time frames and days of increased incidents in order to determine the hours of a second officer. Dave Price feels that the committee will be able to provide detailed metrics and data to see if crime has increased or decreased. Both Dave Price and Captain Salmon feel there is a need for two security officers ("2 man rule" for added safety and security of the officers as well as the community). Captain Salmon said the officer has a black SUV with lettering saying Special Patrol. Captain Salmon would like to see the 4th District perform a start of shift roll call on the streets of the SSA 5 to show their presence within the SSA 5. Ms. Hurlock gave the time and dates for district advisory committee meetings for the SSA 5.

Dave Price stated the event committee wants to hold a "Welcome Back" type of event, welcoming people back to the Commercial Avenue district. Dave Price said the committee wants to make this a weekend, two day event to encourage the community to get back out to the business district. Dave Price said ideas for the weekend include sidewalk sales for business owners, booths for giveaways, outdoor dining options, CPD and Fire Department booths, artists, and line dancing among other ideas. Dave Price stated the event committee is looking at dates in the month of August. Dave Price informed that the event committee will be looking for representatives to act as SSA 5 ambassadors during the weekend event and give directions, support, hand out gift bags, etc.

Dave Price said the committee wants to participate and expand the SSA 5 participation in the Mexican Independence Parade, the Halloween activities as well as the "Santa on Commercial" activities.

Dave Price informed that the SSA 5 is going to be part of a large street scape rebuild of Commercial Avenue over the next several years. The project includes, rebuild of streets, sidewalks and curbs, as well as additions of lighting, street scape bump-outs and bicycle lanes.

Dave Price informed that he is going to offer Quarterly meetings/networking for business and property owners in the SSA 5. Dave Price said information could be shared as well as training offered. Several commissioners shared that this type of gathering happened in the past and the local banks offered their lobbies as a place to host the meetings/gatherings.

The SSA 5 commissioners were approached regarding a memorial mural for a recently deceased member of the community. The SSA 5 commissioners felt it was not something they could endorse since the nature of the art work would be determined by the family of the individual. The SSA 5 commissioners felt if they support this type of art for one person they may have to support for any and all others to follow and it is not appropriate for the commissioners to endorse if the art work cannot be somewhat controlled/monitored.

Dave Price informed that grant money had been awarded designating a Public Space for gathering within the SSA 5. This space could be used for outside dining or benches for sitting. Dave Price stated that the space would be installed by July once the location was determined.

Dave Price suggested that the SSA 5 determine a set amount of money for the purchase of spring bulbs every year. Dave Price said with the appearance of the bulbs planted last fall, it would be nice for the SSA 5 to increase the blooms every year.

7. Items for Discussion/Approval

Mr. Schell asked Alex J. Alemis to review the revised façade rebate application that Family Dental Care has submitted. The application was emailed to the commissioners prior to the meeting. Mr. Alex J. Alemis presented the application proposal and a discussion occurred. Mr. Alex J. Alemis left the video conference call after a question and answer period. Closed session occurred at 4:00 p.m. Due to time constraints, there was not time to hold a discussion regarding the revised application and it was determined that a special meeting would need to occur to complete the application process. No vote was held.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, and a quorum was no longer met, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – April 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.