



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2021

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Albert Garcia

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUEST

10th Ward Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza
Laura Shallow, Royal Bank
Captain Kevin Salmon, AGB Investigative
Latisha Jordan, AGB Investigative
Curtrice Bush, House of Mercy and Grace
Sandy Duran, 10th Ward Alderwoman's Office

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

There being no corrections and one addition to the agenda, Tom Schell requested to add the resignation of Commissioner Albert Garcia to the agenda. With the one addition to the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Alderwoman Sadlowski Garza informed that there will be another RFP Grant through the DPD and she would be able to give more information in the near future. Alderwoman Garza said the grant money will be TIF money used to rehabilitate existing commercial and residential properties. Alderwoman Garza stated the details were still in the development stage and was unable to give future information as the details are not finalized.

Curtrice Bush from House of Mercy and Grace informed that her agency held a pancake breakfast and served 91 individuals. House of Mercy and Grace will hold a BBQ at the Community Partnering for Peace location on June 26, 2021 from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. These events are ideally for the homeless but they will not turn anyone away. A commissioner asked if they were looking for volunteers and Ms. Bush said they are always asking for volunteers. Ms. Bush said she would forward the information to Dave Price for distribution to the commissioners.

Angela Hurlock from Claretian Associates said they will be hosting a vaccination pop up clinic on June 19 for the first shot and July 10 for the second shot. Ms. Hurlock will forward the information to the commissioners.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the April 22, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending April 30, 2021, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of April. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the April 30, 2021 Financial Reports was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

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

5. Items for Approval

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

Dave Price shared the landscaping proposals from Do Right Landscaping. The SSA 5 hired Do Right Landscaping last summer to help clean up several vacant lots and maintain the properties. Dave Price requested that the SSA 5 continue to do the same for this summer. A motion to approve the proposal to clear and clean up 14 lots as well as maintain them for the summer was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Dave Price had another proposal from Do Right Landscaping for a lot not within the SSA 5 boundaries but it would benefit the SSA 5 to clear, clean and maintain. The commissioners requested that he seek approval from the City of Chicago before the commissioners vote to approve the payment for this extra lot.

One of the commissioners suggested that signs be placed on these lots acknowledging the work done such as "This lot being cleaned and maintained by Do Right Landscaping".

On a side note, the McDonald's new manager has expressed to Dave Price that he is willing to provide meals for the clean-up volunteers at Dave's clean-up event days.

Dave Price informed that the Chicago Alfresco Project is moving along. Dave Price shared some of the key components of the features to be added to the Commercial Avenue. Dave Price said the businesses will be encouraged to take on a stewardship role and help to maintain the features near their business. Dave Price informed that the maintenance will be the SSA 5 responsibility and may thus increase the cost to clear garbage and clean up any extra trash. Dave Price said the snow removal around the features may pose a unique challenge and will require a different method than the one currently employed.

Dave Price requested additional funds to conduct the installation and programming of these spaces. A motion to allocate \$5,000.00 for the programming of arts, music, and entertainment for these spaces was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Dave Price stated that he is applying for a cultural programming grant for use in the Chicago Alfresco spaces for future art and entertainment.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price shared the incident data gathered from the AGB Investigative security team. Dave Price restated that if all the businesses would call 911 with any and all issues, the true amount of incidents could get recorded. Dave Price said that the CPD officers set priorities for their patrols based upon the calls they receive regarding incidents.

7. Items for Discussion/Approval

Tom Schell reviewed the 2022 Work Plan and Budget. This Work Plan and Budget will be presented to the commissioners for formal approval in July.

One of the commissioners asked about Dave Price acquiring an office located on Commercial Avenue as it was a discussion topic in the past. Dave Price would be open to that idea if it did not take funds away from other areas of the budget.

Tom Schell informed that the budget will have \$80,000.00 of carry-over funds/monies.

Tom Schell informed that Albert Garcia resigned from his commissioner position but we will still send the emails for his information.

Tom Schell said Laura Shallow commissioner information has been sent to the City of Chicago and it has to be voted on and approved at a City Council meeting.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – June 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

