



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2021

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Dorothy Hudson

SERVICE PROVIDER

Dave Price
Diane Abbott

Tom Schell

GUEST

Molly Zupan, 10th Ward Alderwoman's Office

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

There being no corrections and no additions to the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Diane Abbott informed the commissioners and guests that Tom Schell was not in attendance due to his mother's failing health. Diane Abbott asked everyone to keep Tom and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the June 24, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the July 8, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending June 30, 2021, were reviewed and discussed. Dave Price reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of June. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the June 30, 2021 Financial Reports was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Financial Reports for the month ending July 31, 2021, were reviewed and discussed. Dave Price reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of July. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the July 31, 2021 Financial Reports was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Dave Price provided the commissioners with a copy of the June, 2021 bank reconciliation. After a discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the June bank reconciliation was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

Dave Price provided the commissioners with a copy of the July, 2021 bank reconciliation. After a discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the July bank reconciliation was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Dave Price 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 Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price stated the Invest Southwest Project will be holding community planning meetings. On September 13 and September 14 the community will have a chance to meet the developers and hear the vision of the 548 Development Project. On September 28, there will be a South Chicago Neighborhood Roundtable open to the community. Dave Price will send the details to the commissioners.

Dave Price informed that there has been a shift in the 4th District's attention to the Commercial Avenue problem areas. Dave Price said he believed that the Alderwoman has been elevating the concerns to the 4th District. Laura Shallow stated that the 4th District has approached a member of Royal Bank and asked if he would become a community ambassador.

Dave Price informed that the Chicago Alfresco Project is moving along. Dave Price informed that the DOT and working groups are getting close to the final permit approval to begin the installation. Dave Price said the revised installation date has been changed to September 25, 2021. Dave Price said the stalls are being fabricated and artists are in the process of painting the art stacks.

Dave Price said the Sweet Home South Chicago event occurred on Saturday, August 21, 2021. Dave Price informed that he has received positive feedback from the vendors and residents that attended. Dave Price stated that the volunteers handed out 1,000 SSA 5 bags. Dave Price praised the 20 volunteers that helped plan and work the event. Dave Price said he has a follow-up meeting on Tuesday to discuss and debrief the event in order to document and plan for next year. Dave Price will recommend the event forgoes the large entertainment stage and use the money this will save to hire more DJ's along Commercial Avenue. Dave Price said that for next year, he would like to have a large tent to provide shade from the summer sun. Laura Shallow praised Dave for his hard work in holding an excellent event. Dave Price said the owner of Roma's informed him that the event day was one of the busiest Saturday's they have had in a long time. Dave Price informed that McDonalds generously fed the volunteers prior to the Sweet Home South Chicago event.

Dave Price stated that the Back to Business Grant, a new grant for businesses impacted by Covid-19, has had three businesses complete the applications.

Dave Price said he will be attending Hegewisch Fest on Saturday, August 28, 2021.

7. Items for Discussion/Approval

Bonnie Dinell-Diamond reminded everyone that the South Chicago Parents and Friends Annual Recognition Dinner Dance is Saturday, October 9, 2021, and the SSA 5 has had a table in the past.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m. was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting, Budget Meeting– September 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

