



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2021

PRESENT

Dorothy Hudson
Angela Hurlock
Alex J. Alemis
Laura Shallow

ABSENT

Laurentino Ramirez
Bonnie Dinell-Dimond

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott

GUESTS

None

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 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 Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Tom Schell reminded that the South Chicago Parents and Friends, Annual Recognition Dinner Dance is taking place on Saturday, October 9, 2021, and commissioners could still purchase tickets and place an advertisement in the ad booklet. Tom Schell stated that Marcia Carroll from Fifth Third Bank as well as a former SSA 5 commissioner will receive an award for her distinguished service.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the August 26, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending August 31, 2021, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of August. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the August 31, 2021 Financial Reports was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the August, 2021 bank reconciliation. After a discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the August bank reconciliation was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the August and September invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the August and September invoices was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price stated that he met with the 4th District Coordinating Officer who is responsible for the Commercial Avenue and surrounding area. The officer is not able to stop the loitering but can make it more problematic for those that do loiter. Dave Price said there have been some drastic changes in the past 5 weeks such as: an abandoned house being torn down; less individuals on the sidewalk; and CPD making their presence know.

Dave Price informed that the down side is that (2) businesses that are right next to each other were burglarized. Dave Price stated that in the four years since he has been the Program Manager, this is the first time this has happened. Dave Price said the CPD are taking a more active position in the SSA 5.

Dave Price informed that Ayala Services has completed the work previously approved for their security rebate. Dave Price suggested the SSA 5 commissioners review the application and photos in order to approve the payout to the applicant. Dave Price presented the photos of the installed security cameras as well as ring doorbell. A motion to approve the payment for the Ayala Services Security Rebate was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Chicago Alfresco Project is moving along. Dave Price informed that he collected letters of support from 15/20 businesses required by the DOT deadline, with the other 5 businesses not getting the letters turned in on time. Dave Price said the insurance papers were submitted. Dave Price stated the next step is to secure the permit and then Berglund will install the planters, benches, art stacks and mart stalls. Dave Price said the project is two months later than he wanted as it may be harder to conduct an installation/reveal during the winter months.

Dave Price announced his plan to retire at the end of February 2022. All the commissioners congratulated Dave Price. Dave Price said he would like to begin the search for a new Program Manager now so that he can provide training and a smooth transition to the new manager. Dave Price encouraged the commissioners seek a bi-lingual individual as the community needs this representation.

7. Items for Discussion/Approval

None

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m. was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting – October 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

