



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

## SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2022

### PRESENT

Dorothy Hudson  
Laura Shallow  
Bonnie Dinell-Diamond  
Laurentino Ramirez

### ABSENT

Angela Hurlock  
Alex J. Alemis

### SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell  
Crystal Vance Guerra

### GUESTS

Captain Kevin Salmon, AGB Investigative  
Daniel Hernandez, Property Owner  
Tommy Tally, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman's Office  
Jessica Smith, Plates on Purpose

Dorothy Hudson welcomed our guests. At this time, a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m. Crystal Vance Guerra was introduced as the new Program Manager.

#### 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 Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

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

There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the April 28, 2022, meeting minutes as presented was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

### **3. Financial Report**

Financial Reports for the month ending April 30, 2022, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the financial position statement as well as the revenues and expenses for the month of April. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the April 30, 2022 Financial Reports was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

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

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the April, 2022 bank reconciliation. After a discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the April bank reconciliation was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Laura Shallow. 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 Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

### **6. Program Report**

Crystal Vance Guerra provided an update on the Alfresco Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Mrs. Vance Guerra stated that due to rain the event was moved inside of TNT Restaurant. Mrs. Vance Guerra stated that the event was attended by members of the community, businesses and city officials. Mrs. Vance Guerra stated that the mart stalls will official open on June 18, 2022 with vendors from the local community. At this time, Mr. Schell played a video of the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. Schell stated that the art work that was displayed at the event will be hung on two sections of outdoor fencing on the west side of the block. Laura Shallow stated that she thought the event was very well done and thanked the team for a great job.

Crystal Vance Guerra updated the commissioners on the office move to the Salud Center. The SSA 5 office has official moved the office to an office in the Salud Center.

Mrs. Vance Guerra stated that she will convene a meeting of the special events committee to discuss upcoming events. Information regarding the meeting will be emailed.

Mr. Schell stated that the SSA will be working with Main Street America to begin to gather information from the commercial avenue business corridor regarding the needs and what type of assistance we could provide each of the business.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

Tom Schell reported that CDOT has scheduled a community meeting on May 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. At this meeting, CDOT will provide an update on the Commercial avenue Streetscape Project.

Tom Schell reported that another meeting has been scheduled with businesses on Commercial avenue for June 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at TNT restaurant. Representatives from SSA 5, Alderwoman Garza's office and CPD will be in attendance to answer question.

Mr. Schell stated that South Chicago Parents and Friends, Inc. submitted a grant proposal in the amount of \$25,000.00 to DCASE for the Sweet Home South Chicago Fest and a grant proposal for \$40,000.00 for a mural to be painted on the building adjacent to the CPS parking lot on 90<sup>th</sup> and Commercial.

Jessica Smith from Plates on Purpose provided the commission with an update on her project located on 92<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Crystal Vance Guerra provided an update on a Memorial Day Celebration to be held in South Chicago.

## **Adjournment**

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting – June 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.



