



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

## SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2022

### PRESENT

Dorothy Hudson  
Laura Shallow  
Bonnie Dinell-Diamond  
Laurentino Ramirez  
Alex Alemis

### ABSENT

Angela Hurlock

### SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell

### GUESTS

Captain Kevin Salmon, AGB Investigative  
Jessica Smith, Plates on Purpose

Tom Schell welcomed our guests. At this time, a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

There was one correction to the agenda: Next Public Meeting date should read September 22, 2022. There being no other 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**

No Public comments

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

Minutes from the June 23, 2022 were reviewed. There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the June 23, 2022 meeting minutes as presented was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

Minutes from the July 7, 2022 budget meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the July 7, 2022 budget meeting minutes as presented was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

## **3. Financial Report**

Financial Reports for the month ending June 30, 2022, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the financial position statement as well as the revenues and expenses for the month of June. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the June 30, 2022 Financial Reports was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Financial Reports for the month ending July 31, 2022, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the financial position statement as well as the revenues and expenses for the month of June. At this time, Laurentino Ramirez asked if there were any applications submitted for our three rebate programs. Tom Schell responded that there is one property owner reviewing the application process for the façade and security rebates. Jessica Smith stated that she will be submitting rebate applications for both rebate programs. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the July 31, 2022 Financial Reports was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

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

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

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the July, 2022 bank reconciliation. After a discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the May bank reconciliation was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Alex Alemis. Motion carried.

## **5. Items for Approval**

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

Mr. Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of a Special Events Funding Proposal from Mexican Patriotic Club, NFP. The club requested funding consideration in the amount of \$1000.00 for three floats for the Mexican Independence Day parade. After a brief conversation, a motion to approve the request for \$1000.000 was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Alex Alemis. Motion carried.

Mr. Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of a Special Events Funding Proposal from Eduardo Luna from 93 Studies. Mr. Luna was requesting funding consideration in the amount of \$500.00 for the second annual Meeting of Styles in South Chicago. After a robust discussion regarding the contents of this proposal, a motion to approve the request for \$500.00 was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried. Additionally, it was suggested that the Special Events Funding Proposal document be revised to include additional information (i.e. dates, times, event name, etc.).

## **6. Program Report**

Tom Schell reported that the Sweet Home South Chicago Fest is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2022. Mr. Schell provided a brief overview of the activities that will take place during the fest. Mr. Schell reported that due to permitting issues, the Taste of South Chicago food court has been revised to providing attendee with a \$5.00 coupon that they can redeem at selected restaurant on the 8800 and 8900<sup>th</sup> blocks. At this time, Mr. Schell answered question regarding vendor registration and vendor placement. Mr. Schell encouraged all the commissioner to attend the event if their schedule permits.

Mr. Schell reported that Movie Nights in July and August were well attended by community members. The feedback has been positive. One more movie night is scheduled in September.

Mr. Schell reported that as part of our Invest SouthWest funding, Main Street America and SSA 5 will be conducting a community survey regarding businesses and shopping on the Commercial Avenue business district. Mr. Schell stated that the commissioners received an email today with the survey link. Mr. Schell encouraged the commissioner to complete the survey. The survey will be on the internet for one month.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

Tom Schell reported that the commission could go back to in person meeting starting in September. After discussion, it was decided that the September meeting would be in person at the SALUD center.

## **Adjournment**

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m. was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting – September 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.