



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2022

PRESENT

Dorothy Hudson
Laura Shallow
Laurentino Ramirez
Alex Alemis
Angela Hurlock

ABSENT

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Crystal Vance Guerra

GUESTS

Lili Bustos, 10th Ward Alderwoman's Office
L. Reed, Community Resident
Nedra Dokes, Neta Corporate Event Center, LLC
Tamiko Holt, Neta Corporate Event Center, LLC

Tom Schell welcomed our guests. At this time, a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

Mr. Reed, a resident of the senior housing connected to the Salud Center, attended the meeting to inform the commissioners of some incident that have been occurring at the white house near the library. Mr. Reed stated that on September 21, 2022, at approximately 10:45 p.m. gun shots were fired and he heard from other residents that the shots were meant for an individual living in the white house. Mr. Reed stated that there have been several incidents, including public urination and possession of a weapon which have been reported to the fourth district police. Angela Hurlock stated that she asked Mr. Reed to attend the meeting to share this information. Ms. Hurlock stated that she thought this was good information for the commissioners to hear due to the fact that the senior center was in the area and in close proximity of the library. The commissioners thanked Mr. Reed for passing along this information. At this time, Mr. Reed excused himself.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the August 25, 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 Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending August 31, 2022, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the financial position statement as well as the revenues and expenses for the month of August. A brief discussion was held regarding property tax bills and our cash flow through the end of the calendar year. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the August 31, 2022 Financial Reports was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

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

At this time, Angela Hurlock announced that we had additional guest attend the meeting. Ms. Hurlock suggested that we go around the table and introduce ourselves. After introductions occurred, the guest gave a presentation on the corporate events center they would like to open on east 92nd street. After the presentation, a discussion was held regarding services that would be available for their business.

6. Program Report

Crystal Vance Guerra reported on the Sweet Home South Chicago event held in August. Ms. Vance Guerra provided an overview of the day's events and stated that the event was a success and community residence enjoyed themselves. Shopping bags were distributed to the commissioners and guests.

Ms. Vance Guerra provided an update on the Thrift and Thrive events which have been happening throughout the summer. These events have been successful for our community entrepreneurs. Ms. Vance Guerra stated that she is working on an indoor location for future Thrift and Thrive events during the winter months.

Ms. Vance Guerra reported that SSA 5 has recently held a number of meeting with the business on the commercial district. These meetings included presentations from the Small Business Center, Square, a company that assists with credit card payments, SSA 5 rebate programs and the city's vacant lot program. Ms. Vance Guerra stated these meeting will continue monthly through December.

Ms. Vance Guerra reported on the survey that will take place this fall regarding businesses on commercial avenue. This survey will be utilized to update our Salesforce database as well as gather information on the needs of the businesses. Mr. Schell stated that funding for the survey is through a grant with the State of Illinois.

7. Items for Discussion

Lili Bustos from the 10th Ward Alderwoman's office provided the commissioners with an update on the special events being planned through the Alderwoman's office.

Angela Hurlock announced that on Tuesday and Thursday nights Salud Center is hosting open gym. Additionally, Ms. Hurlock stated they are renting out spaces in their building for events and within six weeks the equipment that Peloton donated will be at the center.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m. was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting – October 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.