



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2023

PRESENT

Laura Shallow
Bonnie Dinell-Diamond
Laurentino Ramirez
Angela Hurlock

ABSENT

Dorothy Hudson
Alex Alemis

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Crystal Vance-Guerra

GUESTS

Diane Dalton, Peoples Bank
Blanca Garibay, US Bank
Anthony Manuel, US Bank
Vanessa Bly, Invest SouthWest
Liliana.Busto, 10th Ward Office

Angela Hurlock welcomed our guests. At this time, our guests, commissioners and services provider staff introduced themselves. Our guests each provided information regarding themselves and the business they are representing.

At this time, a quorum was not present. A Program Report was provided.

1. Program Report

Crystal Vance-Guerra reported on our holiday events: spend some get some, Santa on Commercial Avenue and the art contest. Ms. Vance Guerra stated that all three of these events were very successful. Seven prizes were distributed for the art contest.

Crystal Vance-Guerra provided an overview of the proposed special events scheduled in 2023. Ms. Vance-Guerra stated there are 23 events on the proposed schedule totaling \$42,970.00 in expense. Mr. Schell stated that South Chicago Parents and Friends, Inc. will apply for a grant with the City of Chicago to fund the Sweet Home South Chicago Fest. Angela Hurlock requested that the commission give consideration to bringing back the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the community. A brief discussion occurred regarding these dinners.

Crystal Vance-Guerra reported on a potential podcast idea which would highlight business on Commercial Avenue. During this discussion, the topic of a Chamber of Commerce for South Chicago was introduced. A brief discussion occurred. Anthony Manuel from US Bank asked for an explanation of the difference between a chamber and a special service area. Several Commissioner and service provider staff provided the explanation.

Crystal Vance-Guerra and Vanessa Bly provided a verbal report on the status of the business survey that South Chicago Parents and Friends, Inc. completed thru

At this time, a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 2:22 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the December 15, 2022 were reviewed. There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the December 15, 2022 meeting minutes as presented was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez . Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

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

Financial Reports for the month ending December 31, 2022, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the financial position statement as well as the revenues and expenses for the month of December. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the December 31, 2022 Financial Reports was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond. Motion carried.

5. Cash Flow / Receivables

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

6. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the December and January invoices for payment approval. After further discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the December and January invoices for payment was made Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

Tom Schell presented and reviewed the 2022 Budget Reconciliation for approval. After a comprehensive discussion regarding the reconciliation, a motion to approve the 2022 Budget Reconciliation as presented was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting – February 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

