



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2023

PRESENT

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond
Angela Hurlock
Laura Shallow
Dorothy Hudson
Alex J. Alemis
Laurentino Ramirez

ABSENT

Dorothy Hudson

SERVICE PROVIDER

Thomas M. Schell, Executive Director

GUESTS

Alderman Peter Chico, 10th Ward Office
Grace Morin, 10th Ward Office
Jessica Smith, Indigo Café, 3008 E. 92nd
Lucy Gudino, 8808 S. Commercial
Teresa Nieto, 8808 S. Commercial
Zack Ramsey, Community Member
Marisol Miramontes, Claretian Associates
Vanessa Bly, Community Member
Maricela Rivera, La Causa Community Committee
Al Reyes, La Causa Community Committee
Antonio Macias, Jr., Macias Produce Inc.
Maricruz Figueroa, LaFruteria, Inc.
Robert Chico, Loncars-Chico
Joe Chico, Attorney
Juan Correa, S.C.M.A.S.C
Linda Gonzalez, Chicago Neighborhood Solutions, LLC
Fred Carrizales, Resident
Chris White, ASE Chicago
Dennis Corpus, Community Member

At this time, a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. Angela Hurlock welcomed our guests.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comments

An opportunity for community member to provide comments was provided at this time.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the October 26, 2023 meeting were reviewed. There was one addition to the minutes, Alex Alemis requested that his name be documented in the minutes as Alex J. Alemis. A motion to approve the October 26, 2023 meeting minutes with the addition was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Minutes from the November 22, 2023 meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections or additions to the minutes as presented, a motion to approve the November 22, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending November 30, 2023, 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, 2023 Financial Reports was made by Alex J. Alemis, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Mr. Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the November bank reconciliation. After further discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the November bank reconciliation was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Mr. Schell presented the November and December invoices for payment approval. After further discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the November and December invoices for payment was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Mr. Schell presented the final payout documents from Cosmos Reality Investors for their approved façade rebate application. These documents included pictures of the completed work, cancelled payment checks and paid in full affidavits. After a discussion, a motion to approve the payout in the amount of \$8,850.00 was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Mr. Schell presented the final payout documents from Family Dental Care for their approved façade rebate application. These documents included pictures of the completed work, cancelled payment checks and paid in full affidavits. After a discussion, a motion to approve the payout in the amount of \$15,000.00 was made by Laurentino Ramirez., seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Alex J. Alemis abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

6. Program Report

Mr. Schell reviewed the December Monthly Report. Mr. Schell provided an update on the Business Holiday Mixer, Santa on Commercial Avenue and Holiday Market and the SSA 5 staff and volunteer luncheon.

7. Old Items for Discussion

Mr. Schell provided an update on the security services RFP process.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Alex J. Alemis. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting – January 23, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.