



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024

PRESENT

Bonnie Dinell-Dimond
Angela Hurlock
Laura Shallow
Dorothy Hudson
Laurentino Ramirez

ABSENT

Alex J. Alemis

SERVICE PROVIDER

Thomas M. Schell, Executive Director
Crystal Vance-Guerra, Program Manager

GUESTS

Grace Morin, 10th Ward Office
Jessica Smith, Indigo Café, 3008 E. 92nd
Zack Ramsey, Community Member
Vanessa Bly, Community Member
Maricela Rivera, La Causa Community Committee
Al Reyes, La Causa Community Committee
Antonio Macias, Jr., Macias Produce Inc.
Joe Chico, Attorney
Linda Gonzalez, Chicago Neighborhood Solutions, LLC
Dennis Corpus, Community Member
Diane Dalton, Peoples Bank
Gil Valdez
Adrian Alvarez, Peoples Bank
Ana Ayala, Ayala Services, Inc.
Patrick Zielinski
Isis Bazaldua, ASE
Allen Doan, City of Chicago DPD
Aubry Crain, Petals Bouquet
Courage Wissink, African Food Palace

At this time, a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 2:23 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 Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez 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 December 21, 2023 meeting were reviewed. There was one correction to the minutes, Dorothy Hudson was listed under present and absent. Dorothy Hudson was absent from the meeting A motion to approve the December 21, 2023 meeting minutes with the correction was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Security Firm Presentations

At this time, the three security firms that were chosen from the RFP process where in attendance to make a presentation to the Commissioners. Each firm began with providing background information regarding their firm. Then Commissioners then presented some specific question for each of the firms to answer. Lastly, the commissioners opened it up for the guests to ask questions.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending December 31, 2023, 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, 2023 Financial Reports was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

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

5. Items for Approval

Mr. 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 by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Tom Schell presented and reviewed the 2023 Budget Reconciliation for approval. After a discussion regarding the reconciliation, a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Reconciliation as presented was made by Laurentino Ramirez seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

At this time, it was determined that a Special Meeting of the SSA 5 Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 to approve a security firm. Notice of this public meeting will be given.

6. Old Items for Discussion

Mr. Schell provided the Commissioners with a report of the Spend Some Get Some promotion. Mr. Schell provided a brief explanation of the report.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting – February 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.