



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

## SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2024

### PRESENT

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

### ABSENT

### SERVICE PROVIDER

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

### GUESTS

Grace Morin, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Office  
Jessica Smith, Indigo Café, 3008 E. 92<sup>nd</sup>  
Zack Ramsey, Community Member  
Vanessa Bly, Community Member  
Maricela Rivera, La Causa Community Committee  
Al Reyes, La Causa Community Committee  
Joe Chico, Attorney  
Linda Gonzalez, Chicago Neighborhood Solutions, LLC  
Dennis Corpus, Community Member  
Diane Dalton, Peoples Bank  
Courage Wissink, African Food Palace  
Allen Stahl, Guest  
Celia Colon  
Jose Chavez, US Bank  
Jackie Kay, 4<sup>th</sup> District DAC Chair Beat 423  
Terrence Cross, Illinois Security Professionals  
Monique Thurman, Claretian Associates  
Connie Quach-Diego, CPD Officer

At this time, a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. Angela Hurlock welcomed our guests. Guest at the meeting introduced themselves.

### **1. 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 Laurentino Ramirez Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

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

### **Security Firm Update**

At this time, Illinois Security Professional provided an update on security services. A discussion was held regarding obtaining signatures for security visits and communication to the businesses regarding the new security firm.

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

Minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried. Alex J. Alemis abstained from voting.

Minutes from the January 31, 2024 meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the January 31, 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Laura Shallow, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried. Alex J. Alemis abstained from voting.

### **3. Financial Report**

Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2024, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the financial position statement as well as the revenues and expenses for the month of January After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the January 31, 2024 Financial Reports was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the January bank reconciliation. After further discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the January bank reconciliation was made by Laurentino Ramirez, 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-Dimond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

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Derrick Clemmons presented a Façade Rebate Application on behalf of Antonio Macias, Jr. TNT Ramen located at 8929 South Commercial Avenue is requesting a façade rebate for business signage on their building. After a brief discussion and a review of the façade application guidelines, a motion to approve the Façade Rebate Application for TNT Ramen, located at 8929 South Commercial Avenue was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Alex Alemis. Motion carried.

#### **6. Program Updates**

Crystal Vance-Guerra reviewed the February Monthly Report. Ms. Vance-Guerra provided an update on the February 13, 2024 business meeting with CDOT and Jeremy Woodward, special events planned for 2024, March cinematic history movie showing, security update and 2024 rebates. Additional discussion occurred regarding the Commercial Avenue Roundtable meeting, art on Commercial Avenue, events meetings and the SSA 5 website.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m. was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laura Shallow. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting – March 28, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.