



Howard Street Special Service Area #19

Minutes

Attending: Linda Szarkowski, Chair; Charlotte Walters, Commissioner; Amona Buechler, Commissioner; Simone Freeman, Commissioner; Cally Raduenzel, Commissioner; Dave Skora, Community Member; Mrs. Carmell, Business Owner on the SSA; Paul Reise, SSA 19 Manager; Carolina Juarez, RPBA Staff

Absent: Richard Rozhko, Commissioner,

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

2. Community and public input

3. Review and Approval of May 2014 Minutes

The commission reviewed the May 2014 minutes. Motion to approve the Arpi2014 minutes as presented. (Raduenzel/ Buechler) Unanimously approved.

4. Review May Financials

The commission reviewed the May financials. Motion to approve the May financials as presented. (Walters / Raduenzel) Unanimously approved.

5. Discuss 2015 draft budget

Commission discussed 2015 draft budget. Motion to approve 2015 draft budget as presented. (Walters/ Freeman). Unanimously approved.

6. Programs and Projects

a. Peterson Garden Project

Programming is going well. Garden is a huge success. Gravel is place ready for stage. Shipping container has been installed. There is a plan to paint the container and add a roof.

b. Fix-it Stand

Paul reported the stand is now installed. The Recyclery Collective is happy about the stand and will plan on programming in coordination with them to educate the community about the stand.

c. Public Art

i. Sculpture: It is installed. It will find its home on Howard for one year. The commission is very happy with the sculpture.

ii. Mural: Paul reported that owner (Dr. Nijar) of 1557 W. Howard (one of the locations voted as one of the murals) is not cooperating on giving access to wall. His proposal is over \$1000 per month to rent the wall. The Commission asked that Paul contact Dr. Nijar once more in writing to try to negotiate a lower price. They also suggested that Paul arrange to

meet with Alderman Moore to see if he might have some leverage on the issue.

d. Art & Sol

Simone reported that Brittney would like to push back the date to the same date as Harvest fest since it was so successful last year. Brittney will need help with special event permit from the Rogers Park Business Alliance. The commission agreed to pay Brittney for her time organizing the market. It was also discussed having the amazing Kale Burger made by Brandon at the market.

e. Concerts at Willye B. White

Paul reported will get details from Tim regarding his concerts in the park proposal. The commission would like to know when he will play, how many people will play and what type of music he will play.

f. Planters

Sidewalk cut-offs cannot be planted or touched for a year because they have a one year warranty with the City of Chicago. The commission would like to have more business owners adopt a planter. Paul will ask business owners around the SSA if anyone is interested.

g. Artspace

Paul reported that the Arspace feasibility study was a great success. In order to continue to next phase Rogers Park will have to be chosen and pay for that particular feasibility study. The commission suggested the SSA encourage as many artists in Rogers Park to write a letter to Arspace reiterating how much of an interest exists among artists.

7. Old Business

Commission discussed Richard Rozhko's lack of attendance. Paul will talk to him about resigning from the commission.

8. New Business

a. Business Improvement Program applications

Motion to approve Good to Go (\$2,532.14) and ZIPZ Express' (pending final submission) proposals for rebate assistance from SSA 19, Howard Street's Business Improvement Program (Walters/ Rauduenzal) Unanimously approved.

b. The new program director at Willye White park will be invited to next meeting in order to have her meet the commission and get to know more about SSA 19 and how they can collaborate with the park.

c. There is a new business owner interested in becoming commissioner. Carolina will send her application.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.