

Meeting: SSA 54 Meeting Minutes

Date: 7.13.17

Attending: Sean Connolly, Commissioner; Jennifer Clark, Commissioner; Tony Fox, Commissioner; Heather Hill, Commissioner; Cynthia Ryan, RPBA; Summur Roberts, Guest

Absent: Chris Bell, Commissioner

1. Welcome

Meeting was called to order by Sean Connolly at 8:10 am.

2. Community and Public Input

There were no community and public input.

3. Summer on the Plaza

Guest, Summur Roberts, Director of Community Relations, Loyola University Chicago provided an overview of Loyola's Summer on the Plaza program that goes from June to October, 2017. Local musical acts, ice cream socials, performance groups, group exercise dance and a variety of programs for children and families are performed at different plazas on Sheridan road. The program is being expanded to provide live music performances to include Pratt plaza and Chipotle plaza. The program began by Loyola University in 2014 and runs for 5 years for \$75,000 with a contribution of \$31,500 from SSA #54. At the end of 5 years (2019), SSA #54 will evaluate to see if the SSA would like to continue the program and potentially increase the funding from the SSA budget. The program has proven to attract foot traffic to the area.

4. Strategic Planning

Guest, Summur Roberts, Director of Community Relations, Loyola University Chicago provided information on strategic planning retreat. The commissioners wanted to wait until spring of 2018 to participate in a strategic planning session.

5. Approval of May 19, 2017 Minutes

Jennifer Clark moved to approve the minutes, Sean Connolly second it. Motion passed.

6. Approval of 2018 Budget & Workplan

Cynthia Ryan, RPBA presented the 2018 budget in which there was an increase of funding for holiday decorations, snow removal, façade rebate program and installing bike racks. Sean Connolly moved to approve the 2018 budget & workplan. Jennifer Clark seconded it. Motion passed.

7. SSA Approval of RPBA as Sole Service Provider for 2018

Jennifer Clark moved to approve RPBA as sole service provider for 2018. Sean Connolly seconded it. Motion passed.

8. Use of Line of Credit Change

Cynthia Ryan, explained that RPBA has dropped using a line of credit for SSA #54 per the City of Chicago requirements. If there is no money in the SSA bank account, RPBA will pay the bills out of RPBA account. Once money comes in from the levy, SSA #54 will pay back RPBA. No other income can be attached to the SSA bank account except for the levy money.

9. Updates

a. Snow Removal – Cleanstreet has provided an estimate for a 1 inch snow removal contract with a cap of \$14,000 for this coming winter season. This was put into the 2018 budget.

b. Landscaping Rebate – this will be for next spring 2018

c. Business Improvement Program – funding was put into the 2018 budget & RPBA will begin working on marketing postcard for this.

d. Bike Racks – Rogers Park bike racks have been planned out with 49th ward and added 11 additional bike racks on Sheridan road. Jennifer Clark wants only Rogers Edge bike racks to be placed on Sheridan Road from Pratt to Devon. The type of bike rack is to be discussed at September meeting.

10. Status of New Commissioners

Kat Romanoski of the Morgan has submitted all paperwork into City of Chicago

Richard Sasso of the Hampton Inn has submitted all paperwork into City of Chicago

11. No update on Rogers Edge

12. No new business

13. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.