

## Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:00pm 2949 W. Devon Ave., Chicago

**Commissioners Present:** Irshad Khan, Sanhita Agnihotri, Jayesh Shewakramani

**Commissioners Absent:** Maura Levit, Pete Valavanis, Mohammad Yaqoob

**Commissioner Candidates Present:** Avi Bereliani

**Service Provider Staff Present:** Sandi Price, Tony Pelikan, Gina Caruso (Rogers Park Business Alliance)

**Public Officials Present:** Alderman Debra Silverstein

**Guests:** Robert Taylor, Republic Bank; Mark Lestina, Waster Master – board members of West Ridge Chamber of Commerce

- I. Call to Order at 3:10pm
- II. Public Input – Robert and Mark talked about security in the area and the SSA Security Camera Rebate program. Robert invited the SSA Commission to attend the Chamber's board meetings.
- III. Review and approve draft Meeting Minutes (April 2018)- The Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes.
- IV. Financials
  - a. Sandi reported on financials through April 2018. Overall the finances are in order and on target.
  - b. 2019 Budget Review- Gina and Sandi presented on the 2019 budget. The approach is to keep the levy amount the same. Commissioners asked about line items to increase. Sandi and Gina suggested increasing rebate program funds and landscaping.
- V. Programs & Services
  - a. BIP, Sign Removal and Security Camera Rebate Programs
    - i. Tony reported on the security assessment walk through with Officer Khan and Jayesh. The CPD suggests using the OEMC cameras for the 100% SSA funded cameras. Officer Khan suggested doing mid-block cameras which is a better way to capture license plates. Next step is for Officer Khan and any other CPD reps to identify mid-block locations.
    - ii. 2306 W Devon – Daata Darbar Restaurant's sign removal application was approved by Commissioners present.
  - b. Public Way Beautification
    - i. Sidewalk Cleaning Update - No updates.
    - ii. Landscaping Update – Summer plantings are scheduled to be installed mid-June and as many spring plants will be kept as possible.
    - iii. Streetscape Update –We can still do a ribbon cutting at Movie Night or Alderman Silverstein will ask when the Mayor can come and we can change it to that date.

- iv. Holiday Decorations RFP Responses – The Commissioners reviewed the proposals and want Illuminight to present at their the next meeting.
- v. Power Washing Update – Commissioners asked that the vendor remove the black gum spots from the sidewalk.
- c. Customer Attraction
  - i. Advertising: Light Pole Banners – The Commission reviewed draft light pole banner designs and suggested photos that should be replace with other ones. RPBA will work with Sparkfactor to do updated banner designs to present at the June meeting.
  - ii. Special Events
    - 1. Movie Night & Restaurant Crawl Streetscape Ribbon Cutting August 15<sup>th</sup> -Sandi will drop off posters/postcards to Sanhita’s office for distribution.
    - 2. International Night Management Proposal – The Commission reviewed the proposal by Big Buzz Idea Group and requested they attend the next meeting.
    - 3. Sanhita reported that many business people want to put items outside June 14-15 in advance of Eid June 16<sup>th</sup>. RPBA will get a sidewalk sale permit and email it to the Commissioners and Alderman Silverstein’s office for distribution.
    - 4. August 18<sup>th</sup> is the Independence Day Parade. RPBA will put the parade on the On Devon website. Sanhita presented a Mela at Republic Bank August 18<sup>th</sup> –where they will have a dance competition, fashion parade and other events. All four days costs \$100,000 ( major sponsors are McDonald’s, ComEd, Devon merchants, private sponsors). Irshad said the Commission will think about it and let her know. Commissions are considering doing and SSA float.
  - d. Quarterly SSA Open Houses –The next open house is August 8<sup>th</sup> at Wheels of Chicago.
- VI. SSA Commission
  - a. Engagement, Renewals and Open Seats – Ira and Maura’s applications are getting processed by the City. Sandi will reach out to Rebeca Vasquez of Asia Insurance to see if she’s interested in being a SSA Commissioner.
  - b. Next meeting: Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> 3pm –request time change to 2:30pm.
- VII. Old & New Business
  - a. Opened / Closed Businesses – Irshad suggested walking with him quarterly to get updates on opened/closed businesses.
- VIII. Adjournment meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.