



Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2019 2:30pm - 4:30pm
2949 W. Devon Ave., Chicago

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Irshad Khan, Jayesh Shewakramani, Rebeca Vasquez, Maura Nemes,

Commissioners Absent: Avi Bereliani, Sanhita Agnihotri, Pete Valavanis

Commissioner Candidates Present: Mohammad Bozai

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

Public Officials Present: Alderman Debra Silverstein, Marlene

Guests: Robert Taylor, Edin Seferovic West Ridge Chamber of Commerce (WRCC); Bonnie Tawse, Bonnie Tawse Consulting; Kaajal Shewakramani (and husband Rahul), Mita Shewakramani Junaid Butt (candidate)

- I. Call to Order at 2:32pm

- II. Public Input – Robert, Edin and Bonnie from the West Ridge Chamber gave an update on their special event. The event is renamed “On Devon” to tie into the existing branding. The event is September 1-2. They distributed their committee notes and budget.

SSA Commission will sponsor this event for \$15,000. Motion by Maura with a second by Jay. APPROVED

Mita brought up ongoing issues with Dulhan’s at 2637 W Devon. The business is not in compliance with the rules about going out of business. Marlene from the Alderman’s office said he’s been in court, he’s been issued tickets and the police have been out. This business is deterring customers from coming to that part of Devon. The Alderman has spoken with the business as well. Marlene to provide Mita the case number if this is public record so she can follow up with it to go to court hearings. Maura suggested going to small claims court to get damages.

Mita wants an update on the Rockwell parking garage status. Alderman said she had a meeting a few weeks ago and the owner is willing to make repairs, but the issue is the elevator and may have to totally replace the elevator and shaft and it



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may not be done for this shopping season. Next step is for the Alderman to check the City's next step/deadline.

III. Review and approve draft February 2019 Meeting Minutes – motion to approve by Rebeca with a second by Maura APPROVED

IV. Financials – Sandi stated there are no financials at this time while the audit gets completed.

V. Programs & Services

a. BIP & Sign Removal Rebates

2303, 2305 and 2305.5 W Devon---Irshad will talk with Irfan that the Chicago Storefronts – Motion to approve \$2,000 per storefront by Jay with a second by Maura APPROVED

b. Public Way Security Camera Program – Paul from Genetec attended the meeting to answer questions:

- Can record 2-3 weeks high res 4 MP 5 frames per second 128 GB; Paul to check if we can do 256 GB storage for a month of recording
- Every business needs to sign a Memo of Understanding with the City; Chicago police can access the video recording (business signs off in the MOU for the CPD to access recorded video). Business can share the recorded video. Paul suggests when we do MOU the Devon SSA reserves the right to access the recording.
- Uploads to the cloud to the Genetec system – OEMC can access the camera through the internet – uploads instantly
- No stress on modem at the business – no using the business internet. POE switch so don't need power (power injector – changing regular network cable to POE switch)
- 2 streams – high and low – low is for not blowing the screen
- Warranty of 2 years
- Subscription of \$3,200 is optional
- \$625 required software subscription for 25 cameras (\$25 per month per camera). Can't use DVR backup because it's then not connected to OEMC (combine with Stratocast camera software plus Procom's maintenance)
- What's warranty on labor – if anything goes wrong at no charge Procom comes out to fix the camera within 24 hours



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- Approx 4-6 hours per camera for installation
- If a business wants access for free the business can connect to the DVR
- Timing – preferably before June or after July 31.
- Negotiate monthly charges. Try to negotiate \$625/mo.
- Next steps:
 - a. Option---instead of Procom –ask Sgt. Sisk from CPD who the appropriate person from the new CPD center is to attend the next meeting and advise the Commission of the best system to meet the SSA’s needs.
 - b. look at other camera bids for doing the cameras----pick a user-friendly app to give to the CPD.
- c. Public Way Beautification
 - i. Streetscape Update – Light Pole Painting will occur when the weather is above 32 degrees.
 - ii. Holiday Decorations Update- The Commission wants to get a reduced cost for mandalas if possible.
 - iii. Public Art – Mural Locations. Next step is another drive by with the muralist from the library. Confirm what the material is on Patel Café at 2600 W Devon and Gareeb Nawaz at 2032 W. Devon.
 - iv. Landscaping –Have Brightview recommend plants in the in-ground beds.
- d. Public Way Maintenance
 - i. Snow Removal update- no update.
 - ii. Pressure Washing Proposals – Commission wants to have sample corners done by Quality Pressure Washing and Pressure Washing Unlimited. Irshad will ask the company if the drain maintain chemical is safe.
- e. Customer Attraction
 - i. “On Devon Promotion Campaign” Progress Report – The Silverman Group is promoting businesses through profiles and need the Commission’s help to get business profiles.
 - ii. Special Events



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1. Devon's Got Talent – New Date (Nov 3 or 17) – motion to approve Nov 3 for the date by Maura with a second by Jay
APPROVED
2. Movie Night 6/23/19 Update – Gina reviewed movie options and that Republic Bank is a sponsor.

f. Economic Development

- i. Devon SSA Rebate Program Clinic 4/17/19 – Ajwaah Sweets at 2453 W Devon will host

VI. SSA Commission

- a. New Candidate Recruitment – Irshad and Sanhita Report
- b. Next meeting: 4/15/19 2:30pm – 4:30pm

VII. Old & New Business

- a. Opened / Closed Businesses
- b. Research a trolley for Saturday service (Devon Bank, Omni Bank, other locations, Lifeline Theater uses a van- Sandi to research this and Gina to research trolley cost)

VIII. Adjournment – Maura motion to adjourn with a second by Rebeca APPROVED