



## Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2019 2:30pm - 4:30pm  
2949 W. Devon Ave., Chicago

### MINUTES

**Commissioners Present:** Avi Bereliani, Irshad Khan, Jayesh Shewakramani, Maura Nemes,

**Commissioners Absent:** Sanhita Agnihotri, Rebeca Vasquez, Pete Valavanis

**Commissioner Candidates Present:** Junaid Butt

**Commissioner Candidates Absent:** Mohammad Bozai

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

**Public Officials Present:** Alderman Debra Silverstein

**Guests:** Michelle Rubino, Commander, 24<sup>th</sup> Police District; Sgt. Sofere; Officer Callazo; Jacob Miller, 24<sup>th</sup> District Civilian Analyst

- I. Call to Order at 2:35pm
- II. Public Input – None
- III. Motion to approve the April minutes by Maura with a second by Jay. APPROVED
- IV. Financials –Gina and Sandi reviewed the next draft 2020 Devon SSA Work Plan/Budget (WPB) with the Commissioners. The Commissioners discussed numerous line items, which is summarized in program sections of the meeting minutes. Motion to approve the 2020 Work Plan/Budget by Maura with a second by Avi. APPROVED
- V. Programs & Services
  - a. BIP & Sign Removal Rebates – Gina presented the BIP application for Al Monsoor (dba Diya) to the Commission because the applicant requested more than \$5,000 in rebate (Sandi reminded the Commission that standard applications are approved administratively, just special cases come to the Commission for review/approval) . The Commission stated the application was a typical rebate application and therefore not eligible for any more rebate funds. The Commission wants the applicant to get a full bid from CometNeon. Motion to approve the Sign America bid for Diya by Maura with a second by Avi APPROVED.
  - b. Security Camera Program – The new 24<sup>th</sup> District Commander Rubino attended the meeting with Sgt. Sofere, Officer Callazo, and Jacob Miller to discuss the scope and functionality of cameras that would help the police.



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discussed areas for coverage. Cmdr. Rubino stated she would send Ald. Silverstein a list of the top five locations in order of priority for additional cameras and the functionality the police would like them to have. The Commander will send pictures of the cameras as applicable. The CPD offered to book an SSA Commission group tour of the SDSC (Strategic Decision and Support Center).

#### c. Public Way Beautification

##### i. Streetscape Update

1. Light Pole Painting – the vendor will complete pole painting weather pending and pending receiving an extended City permit.
2. Street Mandala – Alderman put the work order in with CDOT to repair the street mandala at Devon/Seeley.
3. CDOT and bench installation – Sandi reached out to CDOT to see who is allowed to install the benches; the Alderman’s office will find out from CDOT the procedure.
4. Banners: Jay mentioned that 12 banners are torn and 4 are missing; Tony will schedule a field check to do an inventory. In many cases the permanent City brackets are spaced too short resulting in loose banners and causing the tearing.
5. Light Pole Mandalas are under construction and will be installed soon.
6. Landscaping –Gina presented the Brightview work order for in ground planter plantings and the sample palette. Motion to approve by Avi with a second by Jay. APPROVED

#### d. Public Way Maintenance

- i. Pressure Washing Sample Washing and Vendor Selection – Pressure Washing Unlimited (PWU) did a sample cleaning. The issue is both the red tobacco and gum and the frequency varies within the district. PWU did older and newer sidewalk samples – old sidewalk is much better quality and cleaned up better. The Commission wants to focus on Devon from Bell to California and go all the way to the alley rather than just 25 feet back from the sidewalk Get updated quote. If under \$15,000 then proceed.

- e. Snow removal: The Commission discussed their dissatisfaction with Cleanstreet’s performance this past snow season and requested RPBA search for another vendor buy looking at last year’s submissions and/or



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issuing an RFP. The Commission wanted additional funding added to the 2020 budget.

- f. Customer Attraction
  - i. "On Devon Social Media Campaign" Progress Report
  - ii. Special Events
    - 1. Devon's Got Talent Sunday 11/3/19
  - iii. Trolley Program Bid – the Commission discussed goal of the trolley program and using the pedicabs. They considered doing a test with trolley and Ald. Silverstein is checking on safety and the process for a public way permit. The Commission tabled discussion until the June meeting.
- g. Economic Development
  - i. Devon SSA Rebate Program Clinic 4/17/19. Gina is following up with applicants from the clinic.

## VI. SSA Commission

- a. Candidate Update – none.
- b. Next meeting: 6/17/19 2:30pm – 4:30pm

## VII. Old & New Business

- a. Opened / Closed Businesses – tabled.
- b. Local police and fire departments appreciation day debrief – the flyers were not distributed with the food.

## VIII. Motion to adjourn at 4:45pm by Maura with a second by Jay. APPROVED