



Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting

Monday, June 17, 2019 2:30pm - 4:30pm
2949 W. Devon Ave., Chicago

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Irshad Khan, Jayesh Shewakramani, Maura Nemes, Pete Valavanis,

Commissioners Absent: Sanhita Agnihotri, Rebeca Vasquez, Avi Bereliani,

Commissioner Candidates Absent: Mohammad Bozai, Junaid Butt

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

Public Officials/ City Staff Present: Alderman Debra Silverstein; Karen Forte, DPD

- I. Call to Order at 2:37pm
- II. Public Input – None
- III. Motion to approve the May 2019 Meeting Minutes with edits by Maura with a second from Jay APPROVED.
- IV. Financials – 2019 Budget Revision. Sandi and Gina presented recommendations for a budget revision to pay for security cameras. The Commission agreed that RPBA should request the maximum amount of Carry Over to add to the 2019 budget in order to pay for the security cameras. RPBA will submit a proposed budget revision to DPD.
- V. Programs & Services
 - a. BIP & Sign Removal Rebates – RPBA will schedule a Rebate Clinic for September.
 - b. Security Camera Program – OEMC Proposal – Gina presented the OEMC proposal for security cameras. OEMC also provided an MOU to authorize the gifting of SSA funds to OEMC for them to purchase and maintain the cameras. The City is in the process of upgrading cameras along Devon. Irshad offered to get the CPD burglary officer names to confirm CPD is in agreement on the camera locations. Sandi reminded the Commission they are all welcome to see the SDSC (Strategic Decision and Support Center)
Wed June 26 at 2pm to see cameras in action and ask any questions about the Devon SSA camera program. Motion by Jay to confirm locations, ask for camera cost discount, prepare a 2019 budget amendment to gift the funding to OEMC to purchase 3-5 cameras with a second by Maura. Peter abstained. APPROVED
 - c. Public Way Beautification



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- i. Streetscape Update – RPBA removed the damaged items and CDOT will install the new furniture in storage. RPBA will deliver the new furniture and CDOT will install and fix pavers.

- ii. Holiday Decorations – Gina asked the Commission if they are interested in getting additional Light Pole Mandalas. They suggested Sacramento to California and Western to Rockwell on Devon – by street stamps. Gina will get the cost and possible price break for additional mandalas.

- d. Street pole banners – Sandi reported the brackets cannot be moved but the brackets are not spaced correctly – so banners flop and rip because the banners are longer than the bracket span. She stated the City will not allow changing the size of the banner. An option is to insert extra brackets, which are estimated to be \$100 a banner for new brackets and new banners. Sandi will contact the banner company to use one of the existing bracket and install a different banner. Commission prefers to resize the banners if that’s possible.

- e. Public Way Maintenance
 - i. Pressure Washing – Gina presented the cost for doing the smaller area plus adding going back to the alley at each intersection. Maura Motion by Maura to approve the updated scope provided the cost is within the \$22,000 - \$28,000 range with a second by Jay. APPROVED

- f. Customer Attraction
 - i. “On Devon Social Media Campaign” Progress Report – Gina provided an update on the campaign and she and Sandi explained the protocol on boosting posts.

 - ii. Special Events
 - 1. Devon's Got Talent Sunday 11/3/19 – BBIG is working on the sponsorship and continuing to recruit talent.
 - 2. Sunglass and Keychain Distribution – Sandi brought boxes to Republic Bank for SSA Commissioners to hand out at Movie Night.

 - iii. Trolley & Pedicab Proposals – Ald. Silverstein reported that CPD is ok with trolleys but not pedicabs as they are a safety hazard. The Commission discussed when do try a trolley program. Motion by Maura to approve two trolleys Sat, Sun Mon 10am – 10pm of Labor Day weekend with a second by Pete. APPROVED



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- g. Economic Development
 - i. Devon SSA Strategic Planning – Gina and Sandi reported that the Strategic Planning and Market Study projects will begin soon and will include stakeholder interviews.

- VI. SSA Commission
 - a. Candidate Update- Recruit Sharon at Tel Aviv Bakery
 - b. Next meeting: 7/15/19 2:30pm – 4:30pm

- VII. Old & New Business
 - a. Opened / Closed Businesses – no report.

- VIII. Motion to adjourn by Maura with a second by Jay. APPROVED