Commission Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dorothy Milne, Secretary; Wally Andersen, Vice President; Irene Bermudez, Commissioner; Al Goldberg, Treasurer; Chris Johnson, Chairperson; Nick Kosiek, Commissioner, Carolina Juarez & Sandi Price, RPBA staff.

Absent: Allen Smith, Commissioner

1. Welcome
   Meeting began at 9:02 a.m.

2. Community and Public Input
   None

3. 2019 February & April Minutes
   Commission reviewed 2019 February minutes. No changes, corrections nor additional information were requested. Motion to approve 2019 February minutes (Andersen/Goldberg). Unanimously approved.

   Commission reviewed 2019 April minutes. Add to April minutes that Commission requested a proposal regarding Marketing. No other changes or corrections were requested. Motion to approve 2019 April minutes with additional information requested (Andersen/Goldberg). Unanimously approved.

4. 2019 April Financials
   Commission reviewed 2019 April financials.

5. Manager’s Updates – Carolina gave updates to commission on the following:
   - 2020 Budget Draft
     Carolina made suggestions for and presented 2020 Budget including:
     i. Increase in maintenance personnel due to cancellation of Earnfare contract. 4 new crew members will be hired and paid for by all 3 SSAs. SSA #24 will pay 50%
     ii. Increase in BIP, special events, landscaping, public art, and strategic planning
     Commission will meet in July to approve the final 2020 budget.
   - Rogers Park Social BIP Application
     Commission reviewed Rogers Park Social application. Motion to approve 50% reimbursement for window improvements to Rogers Park Social in the total amount of $1875.00. (Milne/Bermudez) Al Goldberg and Wally Andersen abstained.
   - Vision Clark Street Crew Updates
     Carolina gave Commission updates on Open House, Storefront Improvement Design Guidelines, Mural on Clark and Lunt, Greenleaf event, National Night Out event, One on One technical assistance, and people spot.

6. New Businesses: Esperanca Bar, Asian Station, Maria Hadden’s office

7. Athena Board Café / Community meeting for former Heartland Café space
   Carolina updated Commission on progress of a zoning change on Glenwood for Athena Board Game café, and former Heartland Café space new development. There will be a community meeting held by Alderwoman Hadden. After community meeting
Commission will communicate their stance to RPBA, by the following Friday. Commission requested that from now on when proposals received by the RPBA Planning and Development Committee zoning changes within SSA#24, RPBA must notify Commission after meeting. Commission will be given a week to respond to announcement.

- Carolina gave RPBA Updates:
  1. PR firm
  2. GROW/Help Desk
  3. GSM Opening
  4. Best of Rogers Park
  5. Roundtable
  6. Chalk Fest

8. Old Business
- Pride North will take place two days in same footprint this year

9. New Business
- Carolina presented the idea of permanently closing Glenwood between Lunt and Morse in an effort to avoid barricade issue not required by CPD. The suggestion includes installing automatic/ removable bollard, which the Commission preferred over a permanent closure.
- Irene mentioned concern over crosswalk in front of CMSA. Carolina will address in Design II crew and update Commission on status.
- Vacancy Assessment through World Business Chicago and coalition of ssa managers and economic development managers are working to help diminish commercial vacancies through new committee
- GAAF planning committee now includes Carolina
- Carolina updated on complaints re: events without proper licensing
- Who would like a free tour of new Smart Policing equipment at 24th District headquarters, Chris and Nick is interested.
- Next meeting will be determined depending on when draft notes are received from DPD. May be end of June or second week of July.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

NEXT MEETING TBD