



Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2019 2:30pm - 4:30pm
2949 W. Devon Ave., Chicago

MINUTES

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

Commissioners Absent: Sanhita Agnihotri, Avi Bereliani, Rebeca Vasquez

Commissioner Candidates Present: Junaid Butt, Mohammad Bozai

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

Public Officials Present: Alderman Debra Silverstein

Guests: Steve Golyzniak and Derrick Earls, Tovar Snow Professionals; Robert Taylor and Bonnie Tawse, West Ridge Chamber of Commerce; Vijay Parsram, property owner at 2559 W Devon

- I. Call to Order at 2:40pm.
- II. Public Input: Vijay Parsram discussed the mural design for his building at 2559 W. Devon and received input from the Commission. One of the goals of the mural is to attract young people to the district. The Commission discussed how the image is not modest enough for the community. Vijay showed the revised mural. Motion to approve the revised mural design by Maura with a second by Pete. Jay and Irshad abstained. APPROVED

Robert Taylor gave an update. Edin resigned but will be on the board. Robert debriefed on the On Devon Festival, which went extremely well. The event had about 1,750 people per day. The event did not break even. Robert asked the Commission if they could do more to offset the costs of the event.

SSA Commission discussed giving the Chamber more money since the SSA Commission approved paying for half the event. The West Ridge Chamber representatives left the meeting for the SSA Commission to discuss the request for additional funding. Motion to approve giving the Chamber an additional \$1,500 to offset their debt by Jay with a second by Maura. Irshad abstained. APPROVED

- III. Review and approve draft August 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Pete with a second by Maura. APPROVED.
- IV. Financials: Sandi presented the financials through July 2019. No questions. August will be ready this week and Sandi will send to the Commissioners.
- V. Programs & Services
 - a. Security Camera Program – Locations and MOU update. The revised MOU is ready and subject to City Council approving the 2019 budget amendment.
 - b. Public Way Maintenance

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- i. Snow Removal Proposal Reviews – Vendor Interviews – Steve and Derrick from Tovar presented their updated proposal. The new proposal is for 2” – 6” and the proposed new cost is \$3,990 per occurrence, which splits the difference between the 2” – 4” and the up to 6” proposal. Tovar can do salting without snow removal for under 2” or for icy conditions. Steve recommends a 2” – 4” occurrence rather than 2” – 6” per occurrence. Motion to conditionally approve Tovar provided Tovar reduces a price between \$5,000 - \$6,000 per occurrence between 2” – 4” inclusive of snow removal and deicing by Maura with a second by Pete. APPROVED

Steve and Derrick returned to the meeting with an update on the pricing. Motion to approve Tovar’s price reduction to \$5,325 per occurrence for 2” – 4” (of this price, \$2,000 is for the salt) and for salt only occurrences, the price is \$2,275; contract for three years. Motion by Maura with a second by Pete. APPROVED

- c. Public Way Aesthetics
 - i. Public Art Projects – 2559 W Devon and other candidates – see Public Input section.
- d. Customer Attraction- Special Events - Devon's Got Talent: the event is on target with the event management.

VI. SSA Commission

- a. Candidate Update – Junaid is in process and needs to be introduced to Finance Committee. Mohammed will sign outstanding paperwork.
- b. Next meeting: 10/28/19 2:30pm – 4:30pm

VII. Old & New Business

- a. Opened / Closed Businesses –no updates.

VIII. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Maura with a second by Pete. APPROVED