



## Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting

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

### Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Junaid Butt, Avi Bereliani, Irshad Khan, Maura Nemes, Jayesh Shewakramani, Pete Valavanis, Rebeca Vasquez

**Commissioners Absent:** Sanhita Agnihotri

**Commissioner Candidates Present:** Mohammad Bozai

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

**Public Officials Present:** Alderman Debra Silverstein

**Guests:** None

- I. Call to Order at 2:40pm.
- II. Public Input – None.
- III. Review and approve draft October 2019 Meeting Minutes. Sandi noted one correction. Motion to approve the minutes by Rebeca with a second by Pete. APPROVED
- IV. Programs & Services
  - a. Security Camera Program
    - i. Locations and MOU update Gaps – Irshad reported that the CPD identified gap areas as Devon/Kedzie facing east and the CPD will provide a further update when they have time after addressing public safety concerns.
  - b. Public Way Maintenance
    - i. Snow Removal Debrief – Sandi stated that our contract didn't start until Nov 15 even though Tover provided service November 13. The contract is a per-occurrence so we will be charged the per-occurrence rate. Sandi stated Derrick sent Maurice to oversee the snow removal and Maurice who didn't know to do the side streets. Avi stated the crew did not service Kedzie at Devon. Ald. Silverstein stated around 4pm on 11/13 the sidewalk was a sheet of ice. Sandi stated Brandon stated the salt was environmentally friendly and is less effective than regular salt. The Commission wants to make sure the crew services every storefront including vacancies and to service the side streets. Gina will report these concerns to Tovar and work with them on a response and improvements.
  - c. Public Way Aesthetics
    - i. 2020 Mural Locations- the Commission identified the following as top priority mural sites: 1. Croatian Cultural Center (2845 W Devon); 2. Great Chicago Food and Beverage (3149 W Devon); 3. Ghareeb Nawaz (2032 W Devon) and the following as contenders: 2545 W Devon (Jay's property); Patel's Café (2600 W

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Devon); Salvation Army (2151 W Devon); and Par Birdie Foods (2234 W Devon). Gina will prepare mural applications for the top three sites.

- d. Customer Attraction
  - i. Devon's Got Talent Debrief -Gina presented the preliminary report prepared by Big Buzz Idea Group. Some feedback from the Commissioners about the event included: have less chairs (were set up from an event the previous night); make it more of an evening event 4pm-7pm; have kid's groups perform earlier so families stay; and hire one or two great talent acts that would draw attendance. Pete is not clear about the purpose of the event and this will be discussed at the Strategic Planning retreat.

### V. SSA Commission

- a. Candidate Updates – Mohammad Bozai completed his paperwork for being a Commissioner.
- b. 2020 Schedule – Gina reviewed the 2020 SSA Commission Meeting Schedule and the Commission was ok with the dates at this time.
- c. SSA Ambassador Zone Visits – Gina discussed scheduling visits with the Commissioners and they suggested doing visits in February/March.
- d. SSA Annual Meeting – the meeting is Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-11:00am Teal Room 1406 W Morse. All the Commissioners are invited to attend.
- e. There is no regular Commission meeting in December. There is a Devon SSA Strategic Planning retreat.

### VI. Adjournment at 3:40pm. Motion to adjourn by Avi with a second by Maura .APPROVED