

Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2020; 2:30pm
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81404104228>
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MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Irshad Khan, Sanhita Agnihotri, Rebeca Vasquez,
Avi Bereliani, Maura Levitt, Jay Shewakramani

Commissioners Absent: Mohammed Junaid, Pete Valavanis

Staff Present: Cindy Plante & Sandi Price, Rogers Park Business Alliance

Others Present: Ald. Debra Silverstein

I. Call to Order

meeting called to order at 2:40pm

II. Public Input

there was no public input

III. Approval of minutes from the 5/18/2020 meeting

Maura moved approval; Rebeca seconded

APPROVED

IV. Bulk PPE orders - increase funding authorization

Cindy reminded commissioners that up to \$3,000 was approved at the last meeting for purchasing masks, gloves and hand sanitizer for distribution to businesses. We've exhausted this funding and distributed boxes to over 40 businesses but now that the city is entering phase 3, more businesses are opening and need supplies.

Jay moved to increase the spending authorization by \$7,000 for a total of \$10,000
Avi seconded.

APPROVED

V. Emergency response/board-up funding

Cindy has received requests from Yasini Jewelers, Kol Tov Kosher Foods, and All American Medical for assistance with board-ups since Sunday night. Yasini had a window broken out, the other two were preventative but have already sent invoices (for \$5900 and \$2900 respectively). Yasini has not yet sent an invoice.

Irshad suggested restricting funding to only those that are responding to property damage, and that it be limited to only covering the portion not covered by insurance.

Jay moved to fund reimbursement for damaged storefronts only up to 50% of deductible, maximum \$2,000.

Avi seconded.

APPROVED.

Cindy asked what to do about the two that have already submitted invoices.

Irshad suggested approving \$500 for invoices already submitted but to prohibit reimbursements for any preventative board ups moving forward.

Maura was concerned that this was too low and proposed reimbursing up to 25% on the invoices already submitted.

Avi moved to approve a maximum reimbursement of 25% for the preventative boardup invoices that were submitted prior to this meeting.

Jay seconded.

APPROVED.

VI. Updates & announcements

Ald. Silverstein shared an update on the City's new expanded outdoor dining program, that allows SSAs, Chambers, and groups of 3 or more restaurants on a contiguous block to request street closures to accommodate socially-distanced outdoor dining. Because of bus routes and traffic concerns, we won't be able to shut down Devon, but may be able to pursue this for some of the side streets.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:22pm

Next meeting: Monday June 15, 2020; 2:30pm, Zoom