

Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2021 2:30 pm
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MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Pete Valavanis, Maura Levit, Irshad Khan, Sanhita Agnihotri
Rebeca Vasquez, Mohammed Junaid
Commissioners Absent: Jay Shewakramani, Avi Bereliani,
Others Present: Cindy Plante & Sandi Price - RPBA
Ald. Debra Silverstein - 50th Ward Alderman
Karen Forte, City of Chicago SSA liaison
Joy Coombs, CPA - Eilts & Associates
Scott Parrish - Illuminight lighting
Ellen Doppelt - Jewish Neighborhood Development Council
Cassandra Kaczocha, Halle Quezada, Alex Gonzales &
Michelle Drucker - West Ridge Community Response Team
Nida Hasan- Indo American Center
Kim Holmes - Life Quilt Foundation

1. Meeting called to order at 2:38 pm

Pursuant to the applicable law, this meeting is being held on zoom and is being recorded due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Public Comment

Attendees introduced themselves.

Cassandra Kaczocha, Halle Quezada, Alex Gonzales and Michelle Drucker from the West Ridge Community Response team requested \$30,000 to purchase goods to stock their newly-established community fridge and pantry with necessary dry items and fresh foods.

3. Approval of minutes from March 2021

Pete moved approval,
Maura seconded.
Approved unanimously.

4. 2020 Annual Audit

Cindy introduced Joy Coombes from Elits & Associates to present the 2020 annual audit for review and approval. Joy presented and summarized the report.

Pete moved approval.

Sanhita seconded.

Pete, Sanhita, Maura, Rebeca, and Junaid voted in favor; Irshad abstained.

Approved 5-0-1

5. 2021 first quarter report

Cindy presented the first quarter report, which provides spending data for the first quarter and performance metrics.

Pete moved approval.

Maura seconded.

Approved unanimously.

6. Lighting replacement

Cindy introduced Scott from Illuminight to talk about replacement of the decorative lighting on light poles along Devon. Scott provided a summary of the scope of work and proposed pricing and timelines.

Commissioners discussed the history and performance of the most recent lighting installation.

Pete and Irshad requested to delay action on this until the next meeting.

7. Mandalas

Cindy and Scott shared that although commissioners previously voted to leave the mandala decorations up indefinitely, weather damage and the need to install new banners required that they be taken down.

8. Banners

Cindy shared that 40 light pole banners were identified for replacement and an order has been placed for printing and installation consistent with the approved budget for 2021. We don't have a timeline yet for installation but it should be sometime later this spring.

9. Murals

Cindy has been in contact with the owners of Annapurna and Uru Swati, who have expressed interest in hosting a mural on their buildings, and has reached out to Statik and Thomas Melvin, whose portfolios we looked at last summer about preparing proposals for the two walls. We are hoping to have proposals to review at the May meeting.

10. Pigeon Abatement

Cindy presented the newest quote from Smithereen for pigeon abatement

between Sacramento and Richmond. Their recommendations focus on pigeon exclusion methods including spikes and shock track. In the previous quote exterminators recommended monthly bait application.

Pete asked for a copy of the recommendations in order to reach out to additional exterminators for recommendations and quotes. This item will be reviewed at the May meeting.

11. Social Media

Cindy shared that the first of the *Only On Devon* video series will go live on the OnDevon facebook page this week and encouraged everyone to like and follow the OnDevon social media pages.

12. Adjournment

Irshad shared that the owner of Annapurna was having issues with a parkway tree pit near the business.

Cindy thanked him for the update, as RPBA hadn't heard from him about this. Ald. Silverstein will look into this issue since it sounds like a City Service issue rather than an SSA issue.

Pete moved to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm