



SSA Commissioners Community Meeting

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 9am

Commissioners Present: Sara Lukens, Tony Fox, Jennifer Clark, Nick Andersen,
Chris Bell, Heather Hill

Others Present: Sandi Price & Cindy Plante, RPBA
Joy Coombes, CPA - Eilts & Associates

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:03

Due to the ongoing Covid19 pandemic the meeting is being recorded and held in a virtual format.

2. Public comment

There was no public comment

3. Approve minutes from January

Tony moved approval of the minutes; Chris seconded.

APPROVED Unanimously.

4. 2020 Audit

Joy introduced herself and presented the draft 2020 annual audit report.

Tony asked about the discrepancy between budgeted levy and actual revenue.

Sandi said that this has happened in the past to other SSA's - usually because of people appealing or getting exemptions on their property tax, or just not paying on time, so the money may come later but we need to keep an eye on spending.

Joy updated an error in the draft report.

Tony moved approval of the audit as amended. Heather seconded.

APPROVED Unanimously.

5. 2021 first quarter report

Cindy presented the draft report for Q1, including spending and performance measurements. No commissioners had questions or feedback.

Tony moved approval, Sara seconded.

APPROVED Unanimously.

6. Preliminary 2022 budget discussion

Cindy asked commissioners what kinds of projects and programs they would like to add or reimagine for the budget for 2022.

Jennifer asked about landscaping maintenance for the triangle island at Sheridan and Devon - it's not part of the current scope of work for Brightview and there are homeless people living there.

Sandi said Loyola had been maintaining it but stopped. It is City owned, in which case we should ask Dan Murphy to take a look and do basic tree trimming and maintenance. Jennifer said it doesn't need new plantings but does need to be maintained, which may be something to add to the scope for Brightview in 2022.

Chris suggested incorporating a wind turbine in the triangle, or other public art.

Nick likes the wind turbine idea, suggesting it could be used to power holiday lights.

Heather asked about plans for a second sculpture similar to the one at Sheridan and Eastlake.

Sandi said that a second sculpture had been proposed as a PB project for the triangle but costs came back higher than anticipated so it was voted down. Suggested that we might be able to look into TIF funding or city stimulus spending to do something with the triangle.

Jennifer suggested involving a landscape architect to come up with a plan for the triangle.

Sandi suggested including funding for landscape planning for this for next year.

7. Elect new chair

Cindy shared that Heather is looking to step down as chair due to other commitments, and asked if anybody else is interested in being chair.

Jennifer volunteered.

Nick seconded Jennifer's nomination.

APPROVED Unanimously.

8. May/June meeting calendar

Cindy reminded commissioners that there is a May meeting scheduled for 5/20, which will likely be additional budget discussion, but we'll need a meeting in June also to approve a draft budget for submission to the City by 7/1. Proposed 3rd Thursday of June.

Nick has a schedule conflict and asked for a day other than Thursday.

Cindy suggested Tuesday 6/22.

Commissioners agreed. Cindy will send around calendar invites and get the website updated.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:50

Next Meeting: May 20, 2021