

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

Commissioners Present: Maura Levit, Rebeca Vasquez, Mohammed Junaid, Avi Bereliani
Others Present: Sandi Price - RPBA
Ald. Debra Silverstein - 50th Ward Alderman
Ellen Doppelt - Jewish Neighborhood Development Council

1. Meeting called to order at 2:49 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.

Ellen Doppelt shared information regarding an event to be held on July 22nd at 6pm at Park 538 at Kedzie and Wallen. All are invited to attend.

3. Approval of minutes from June 2021

Rebeca moved approval of the minutes from the June 28th SSA #43 meeting, Maura seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Movies

Robert from Republic Bank has agreed to allow us to use the parking lot for movies on Saturday and Sunday, September 11th and 12th. He also offered us his popcorn machine and offered to pay for the popcorn. We will need to make and distribute the popcorn. Cindy will create a schedule for commissioners to sign up to volunteer for a shift. Robert also requested that the bank be listed as a sponsor. We need to pick a movie for each night so that we can create the promotional materials. Suggestions include: White Tiger, Toy Story, Ferdinand, Raya and the Lost Dragon. Cindy will send out a request for additional suggestions on WhatsApp and then we will select and move forward with creating promotional materials.

5. Murals

Sandi shared the mural designs from Statik. The commission was sent the designs prior to the meeting. Pete had responded that he liked either #2, or #4. The commissioners decided to move ahead with design #2. Sanhita had mentioned in an email that the language on the draft is no longer used. Maura moved to move forward with design #2, with all of the text being only in English. Rebeca seconded.

Approved unanimously.

6. Budget & service provider

Sandi shared the draft budget that was emailed to the commission last week. All questions were answered. Maura moved approval of the budget as presented. Avi seconded. Approved unanimously.

7. Snow

Sandi shared that only one company responded to the RFP for snow removal. Piersa submitted a quote for removal with one inch of snow and two inches. The commissioners want the company to come out when the snow is one inch or more. Avi moved approval of the snow removal proposal for one inch of snow or more. Rebeca seconded. Approved with one abstention. Cindy is requested to ask Pierca the total cost per occurrence after 40" as stated in the proposal, since it is broken down into sections.

8. Social Media

Sandi shared that the contract with The Silverman Group will be expiring at the end of the year and we should decide if we want to continue or increase our social media presence. Cindy had shared metrics via email. The commission would like to wait until more commissioners are present to discuss this item.

9. New meeting space

The City is requiring in person meetings moving forward so we need a new meeting space. Devon Bank and Republic Bank were both suggested. We need to make sure that Republic Bank is ADA compliant since their conference room is on the second floor. Stay tuned.

10. Additional planters

Sandi reminded the commission that they had discussed expanding district landscaping by adding some additional planter pots outside of the area that was included in streetscape - Western and the Eastern end of the district. Cindy reached out to Brightview and they walked the district to determine our needs. There are 19 locations where new round planters can be added, the cost is \$13,999 for the additional planters, soil and plantings. Maura moved to accept the Brightview proposal as submitted, as long as maintenance is included. Avi seconded. Approved unanimously. Junaid asked about the in-ground planters that are looking poorly. We also received a quote for \$6,999 to plant 6 Hydrangeas into each of the 23 in-ground planting beds along Devon Avenue. Junaid moved to accept the Brightview proposal as submitted. Maura seconded. Approved unanimously.

Alderman Silverstein mentioned that the synagogue at 3135 West Devon requested some flower pots at the corner. We need to determine why they weren't placed there when the streetscape was completed. Looking at Google Earth, there may not be a place for planters since we can't put them in the crosswalks or on the pavers and it looks like the very corner is not a flat surface. Cindy is on vacation this week. We can check it out when she gets back.

11. Lighting replacement

Since we waited so long to make a decision, the lights that we want are no longer available. Scott is working on a new proposal. We also asked him to remove the lights that are no longer working.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm