

Devon SSA #43 Commission Meeting
Monday, November 15, 2021 2:30 pm
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MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Mohammed Junaid, Pete Valavanis,
Sanhita Agnihotri, Mohammed Rameez
Commissioners Absent: Irshad Khan, Avi Bereliani, Jayesh Shewakramani, Maura Levit,
Others Present: Cindy Plante & Sandi Price - RPBA
Carla - 50th Ward office

1. Meeting called to order at 2:39 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

There was no public comment

3. Approval of minutes from September 2021

Sanhita moved approval of the minutes from the September meeting, Junaid seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Old Business

a. Pigeon update

Cindy provided an update on pigeon abatement and signage, and presented drafts of the proposed pigeon signage, which still needs to be translated into additional languages.

Mohammed volunteered to assist and asked for a vector version of the OnDevon logo and draft signs - Cindy will send. In addition to English and Spanish we'll prioritize Hindi, Urdu and Arabic, maybe also Burmese.

b. Mural update

Cindy has been in touch with Nick at the Croatian Cultural Center - they have an artist they've been in touch with about doing a mural on the building, which may come to the commission in the future for a funding request. We've also put together a list of potential buildings and contacts.

c. Love Fridge Update

Cindy and Irshad have reached out to grocery owners in the SSA to coordinate a schedule for bulk grocery deliveries to the love fridge. In the past when we've stocked the fridge it's usually cleaned out in an hour or two, seemingly by only one

or two people, so it's been frustrating. We plan to finish out the \$5,000 commitment for this year but may look to partner with other more established nonprofits in the SSA moving forward.

5. New Business

a. BIP applications

Cindy shared that the new tenant for 2550 W. Devon had submitted an application for a sign project but was waiting on a second quote that wasn't received in time for the meeting - this will be tabled to the next regular meeting.

b. 2022 Events

Based on discussion at the last meeting, BigBuzz has started research to put together a proposal for the TukTuk exhibition Pete suggested previously. Because this is a novel concept that hasn't been done before, they're now requesting a \$750 research fee to continue developing an event proposal. We're also looking at continuing outdoor movie nights and potentially adding a food-centric event like a samosa tour.

Pete asked if the West Ridge Chamber was planning any events on Devon for 2022.

Sandi said they're still planning for 2022, but it sounds like WRCC is not looking to bring back the OnDevon festival and will instead be focusing on smaller popup events on side streets.

Mohammed asked about closing a portion of Devon for a street fair similar to what Roscoe Village does.

Carla and Sandi said we're unable to close Devon for festivals because it's a state road.

Mohammed suggested adding additional event ideas as part of the scope.

Sanhita moved approval of the \$750, Mohammed seconded.

APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm