Commission Meeting Minutes

Attending: Chris Johnson, Chairperson; Ilesa Duncan, Secretary; Carolina Juarez, RPBA staff; Allen Smith, Commissioner; Al Goldberg, Treasurer; Nick Kosiek, Commissioner, Wally Andersen, Vice President, Sandi Price, RPBA; 49th Ward Alderwoman Staff, Kyle Ryan, McCann, Member of the community

Absent: Irene Bermudez, Commissioner; Roberto Arista, Commissioner;

1. Welcome
Meeting began at 9:04 a.m.

2. Community and Public Input
McCann joined the meeting but was not able to unmute.

3. June 2022- Minutes
June 2022 minutes were reviewed. No changes, nor additional information were requested. Motion to approve June 2022 minutes (Andersen/Goldberg). Unanimously approved.

4. July 2022 – Minutes
July 2022 minutes were reviewed. No changes, nor additional information were requested. Motion to approve July 2022 minutes (Andersen/Kosiek). Unanimously approved.

5. 2022 Financials
Commission reviewed up to date 2022 financials. No changes, nor additional information were requested.

6. Wild Onion BIP
Wild Onion submitted a BIP application for reimbursement of project involving new signage for entire storefront. Commission decided to approve 50% of lowest bid. (Andersen/Kosiek). Unanimously approved.

7. New Mile of Murals Project-Peter Hurley working on new mural between Greenleaf and Lunt, old mural ruined by CTA construction. Carolina showed pictures of progress, artist is depicting local Chicago musicians.

8. Manager’s Updates – Carolina gave updates to commission on the following:
   - GAAF- successful event
   - Reconstitution Updates-signatures submitted, waiting for hearing date
   - Attended Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference
   - Vision Clark Street
     - Crosswalks at Lunt- Crosswalks installed. Well received by community. Carolina gathering survey of the before and after effects of the installation.
     - Clark-Devon Improvements- Joe Clark Tire- Clark-Tire has been awarded Recovery Grant to make adjustments to his shop due to improvements happening on Arthur
   - Glenwood Alfresco-Working well. Some programming happening. Conversation about performers’ licenses.
   - Pride Mural at Morse/Glenwood Intersection- Working with CDOT and contractor to finish paperwork, mural set to be installed soon
   - Glenwood Sunday Market Update-Customers and vendors happy, 1800-2000 avg. shoppers per week, highest link purchases ever.
• SBIF applications- Carolina assisting 4 applicants in the TIF with their SBIF applications
• Wild Onion Mural- Wild Onion asked Commission to help fund mural at the walk adjacent to their business. Commission will revisit this in 2023.
• SBAC/Vacancies – RPBA continues to sit on this council.
• Homeless Shelter on Clark Street- 2 additional community meetings have been added, survey results show majority in favor of the shelter
• Greenleaf/Ravenswood Safety Meeting- stakeholders of the intersection got together to discuss safety issues with Alderwoman Hadden and RPBA.

9. RPBA Updates
   • GROW/Progresando – another session in the fall
   • New/Closed businesses- Culture of Safety, Vape & Dope, Tattoo Shops on clark and Morse, and more.
   • Small Business Saturday – November 26, 2022- Welcome Station at Common Cup.

10. Old Business- None
11. New Business- None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.