

Commission Meeting Minutes

Attending: Ilesa Duncan, Secretary; Carolina Juarez, RPBA staff; Al Goldberg, Treasurer; Nick Kosiek, Commissioner, Wally Andersen, Vice President, Irene Bermudez, Commissioner; Roberto Arista, Commissioner;

Absent:

- 1. Welcome Meeting began at 9:02 a.m. Chris Johnson and Allen Smith have resigned from Commission.
- 2. Community and Public Input None
- 3. New Chair Needed

Motion to approve Wally Andersen as new Chair (Duncan/Goldberg). Unanimously approved. Motion to approve Roberto Arista as new Vice Chair (Kosiek/ Goldberg). Unanimously approved. Motion to approve additional title as Secretary to Al Goldberg (Duncan/Arista).

Unanimously approved.

4. November 2022- Minutes

November 2022 minutes were reviewed. No changes, nor additional information were requested. Motion to approve November 2022 minutes presented (Kosiek/Duncan). Unanimously approved.

5. November 2022 Financials

Commission reviewed up to date 2022 financials. No changes were requested. Commissioner asked if SSA is still receiving funds from tax collections. Carolina will update Commission via email regarding the amount received through December of 2022.

6. Litter/Maintenance Update

Carolina reported that in 2023 the amount of crew members will increase as well as service hours; an additional shift between 2-5 p.m. will be added during the week, as well as on weekends;

7. Ravenswood Clean-up

Carolina reported that special landscaping and clean up attention will be devoted to Ravenswood between Lunt and Greenleaf due to its condition and complaints from nearby business owners;

- Public Art in 2023
 Commission agreed to use public art funds for wall adjacent to Wild Onion business.
 RPBA will spearhead the project;
- GSM & GAAF Sponsorships Glenwood Sunday Market and Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest both requested an increase in sponsorship dollars. Motion to approve sponsorship for GAAF at \$20K (Duncan/Kosiek). Unanimously approved. Motion to approve sponsorship for GSM at \$20K (Goldberg/Duncan). Unanimously approved.
- 10. SSA Manager's Report Carolina gave updates to commission on the following:
 - Expansion Services in Effect-services have been in effect starting January 1, 2023 to expansion area;
 - Vision Clark Street



- i. Clark-Devon Improvements- Groundbreaking is not expected until March of 2023;
- Holiday Decorations- Carolina is communicating with contractor to purchase metal snowflakes for 2023 winter season. Snowflakes will be owned by SSA and able to be utilized for many future seasons;
- Glenwood Alfresco-Working well. Acquiring permits for second year;
- Live Love Shop Rogers Park 2022-160 applications received, a huge increase from 2021 (103 applications);
- SBIF Rollout-SBIF was open in January, no applications through RPBA. Three applications approved through previous rollout;
- 11. RPBA Updates
 - Howard Street Makers Studio- moving along successfully. Looking for funding to continue programming;
 - Business Attraction welcomes businesses- RPBA committee is visiting businesses to welcome to RP;
 - New/Closed businesses-Emmah's Beauty Empire, Smoke shops, Walgreens for sale, Kelly Cassidy
- 12. Old Business- None
- 13. New Business-None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.