



### Commission Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Carolina Juarez; RPBA staff, Wally Andersen; Chair, Eric Kugelman; Pending Commissioner, Nick Kosiek, Commissioner; Tolu Anaya, Pending Commissioner;

**Absent:** Irene Bermudez, Commissioner; Al Goldberg, Treasurer; Ilesa Duncan, Commissioner.

1. Welcome  
Meeting began at 9:02 a.m.
2. Community and Public Input  
Community member mentioned he has noticed the confusion that exists among business owners between the Rogers Park Chamber of Commerce and RPBA.
3. September 2023- Minutes  
Tabled to the next meeting since there is no quorum today.
4. November 2023 Financials reviewed. No questions or comments.
5. Maintenance Crew Wage Increase  
Carolina talked about the possibility of increasing wages for maintenance crew per the suggestion of a Commissioner. The Commission discussed and suggested that next time we meet and there is quorum, that the Commission vote to increase the wages of the Crew every 6 months by \$1 with a cap at \$20/hour.
6. Special Events Sponsorship Application  
In an effort to be more inclusive and transparent, it was suggested by Carolina that the SSA have an application process for community members interested in sponsorship dollars from the SSA. Carolina shared a draft of the application. The idea is for the Commission to go through applications and vote on sponsorship amounts depending on application submitted. The Commission discussed this suggestion and proposes that they vote next time there's quorum for the following:  
*Applicants that meet all requirements outlined may receive a grant of up to 20% of the total budget for the event or program, not to exceed \$20,000.*
7. SSA Manager's Report – Carolina gave updates to commission on the following:
  - Storefront Planters  
Businesses are already receiving planters for their storefront. There are 3 locations currently signed up.
  - Public Art  
There will be a mile of murals this year along Glenwood Ave. AND a You Are Beautiful art installation on the fence of Touhy Park facing Clark Street.
  - Holiday Decorations  
Snowflakes will be brought down at the end of February.
  - Clark Street Cultural Designation  
Clark Street was awarded an official title from the State of Illinois as a Cultural District. In the future there will be funding for improvements and programming on Clark Street.
  - Silverman Group  
Silverman Group is now representing Rhapsody Theater. Carolina suggested we work together with them and Lifeline Theatre since we are all working with TSG.
  - Greenleaf and Ravenswood Crosswalks  
RPBA still plans to get these installed in 2024, just waiting on approval from CDOT, Carolina is communicating with them.
  - Snowflakes are here / lighting on Ravenswood and Lunt/Greenleaf
  - IDA Mile of Murals Tour, October 5<sup>th</sup>
8. RPBA Updates



Clark/Morse/Glenwood Special Service Area #24  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 9 a.m.  
1448 W. Morse

- GROW/PROGRESANDO - Wed, Feb. 07 - March 27, 6 - 8 p.m.
- North Side Restaurant Week - March 1 - Mar 15, 2024  
Restaurants are participating in this project for the first time. RPBA is collaborating with 5 other BSOs.

9. Old Business- Commissioner asked that banners be installed on GAAD, Carolina will get this moving.
10. New Business- New/Closed Businesses: El Sabor Poblano is now closed, and Las Delicias has taken over.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.