



SSA Commissioners Meeting
Tropical Smoothie Cafe, 6448 N. Sheridan
Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Commissioners Present: Jennifer Clark (by phone), Cesar Coronado
Commissioners absent: Sara Lukens , Katiana Shavonte
Others Present: Kyle Ryan, 49th Ward (participating remotely on google meet)
Cindy Plante, RPBA (participating remotely on google meet)

1. Call to order

Katiana just notified us that she's unable to make it to the meeting, so we don't technically have quorum and won't be able to vote on anything, but most of the agenda items were updates anyway.

2. Public comment

There was no public comment

3. Approve minutes from previous meeting

Postponed to next meeting.

4. 2024 YTD financials

Cindy presented the financials, which were shared with commissioners previously via email.

5. Khmai BIP update

Cindy shared that Khmai has reopened but has not yet submitted a second quote to replace the awning, though they've indicated that they plan to do so.

6. First Friday music series updates

Cindy shared that the First Friday music series has been going well - the next one is coming up on Friday 10/4 from 6-8pm. This year it was funded by a station activation

grant from RTA. We don't know if they'll be offering this again next year but since it's something SSA commissioners have wanted to bring back, we'll plan to expand it next year using SSA dollars to add more dates - this was included in the 2025 budget adopted at the July meeting.

7. Holiday lights

Cindy reported that there was a slight cost increase for lights compared to last year but it was still within the FY24 budget. Installation is expected to begin in October.

8. Commissioner recruitment

Cindy reported that Katiana has officially been appointed to the SSA, but Sara has been spending a lot of time out of state and has indicated that she might not renew when her term is up, and we still have lots of vacancies, including of the required resident seat, so we need to give some thought to trying to bring in new commissioners.

Kyle said he knew someone that may be interested in the resident seat and offered to set up an email introduction. Kyle also suggested Lin from Great Wall.

Cindy will ask her. Cindy has been in contact with the owners of the former Bulldog building and they were interested but weren't comfortable with the extent of financial info they'd have to share to apply. Similar story from management at Flatts & Sharpe.

Cesar suggested Mandy at the Morgan - she's part of the property management team and has been there a while.

Someone else also suggested Andrew at Eggs with Benefits, or Mona from Khmai.

Cindy will start following up with these folks and thanked attendees for their suggestions.

9. 2025 meeting dates

Cindy reminded commissioners that SSA's are generally required to meet at least quarterly, and the city requires all SSA's to hold the annual budget meeting in the first half of July. Given that the July date doesn't generally move and is at the beginning of Q3, Cindy proposes the following meeting dates for 2025, keeping with Tuesday

afternoon meeting times:

January 9, April 9, July 8, and October 14.

10. Adjournment

Cesar asked if there were any holiday events planned at the university.

Jennifer said no - after Thanksgiving students really only come back for a week or two for finals and leave soon after.

Cindy added that RPBA is doing Small Business Saturday and Live Love Shop rebates again. We'll most likely print postcards again for businesses to hand off to customers to promote it. Receipts from locally-owned franchises like Tropical Smoothie and Dunkin are eligible, but large national retailers like Jewel and Target don't count.

Cindy also shared that the RPBA member appreciation event is tentatively scheduled for November 7 at Khmai.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31

Next meeting: All-SSA annual meeting on 12/12/2024