



Commission Meeting Minutes

Attending: Carolina Juarez; RPBA staff, Wally Andersen; Chair, Nick Kosiek, Vice Chair; Irene Bermudez, Commissioner; Shenicka Hohenkirk, 49th Ward Office; Al Goldberg, Treasurer; Sara Izquierdo, Commissioner; Kristen Hansen, Lifeline Theatre

Absent: Gabriel Sanchez, Commissioner.

1. Welcome
The meeting began at 9:01 a.m.
2. Community and Public Input / Lifeline Event Sponsorship Request
Kristen Hansen from Lifeline Theatre attended the meeting to present application for funding of a special event called Spirit Stroll on Dec 13, 2025. The funding would be used for marketing of the event. Lifeline Theatre is asking for \$2,950. Motion to approve sponsorship of Lifeline Theatre's special event, Spirit Stroll, at the \$2,950 level. (Goldberg/ Bermudez). Unanimously approved.
3. June, July, 2025 Minutes
June & July 2025 minutes were reviewed. No additional information was requested.
4. Financials
The Commission reviewed Financials through August of 2025. No additional information was requested.
5. SSA Manager's Report – Carolina gave updates to commission on the following:
 - a. Camino Clark
 - i. Novedades Newsletter;
 - ii. Advisory Board- 3rd quarterly meeting- September 23rd at 10am;
 - iii. Other upcoming Colectivo Clark/ Events: Viva Mexico, Dia de los Muertos, Mercadito;
 - b. Business Technical Assistance - Fruit vendor, No more Throwback Fest;
 - c. Levitt Music Series Grant- Vote for Touhy Park - Sep. 05-10th
 - d. Chicago is With You Taskforce- Survey
6. RPBA Updates
 - Ribbon Cuttings- September 24, 2025 / 10 am to 12 pm;
 - BEST: GROW More/PROGRESANDO Mas;
 - 14th District -Small Business Security Infrastructure Grant is complete;
 - First Friday Music Series is continuing on Sheridan Road;
 - Small Business Saturday is happening on Nov. 29th at Alexander's on Sheridan Rd;
 - SpaceMatch - October 15th from 5 to 6:30 pm - Jarvis Square.
7. Old Business
 - Glenwood Alfresco
There was discussion about a disagreement regarding a business owner on Glenwood. RPBA assured the Commission that the alfresco is being broken down immediately after the GSM season ends ;;
 - Glenwood Cobblestones-still pending;
 - Spikes on Railings project complete.
8. New Business
 - a. New/Closing New: Milo's Pita on Morse and La Puerta Negra on Clark St.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.