



Commission Meeting Minutes

Attending: Carolina Juarez; RPBA staff, Wally Andersen; Chair, Zach Joseph, 49th Ward Office; Al Goldberg, Treasurer/Secretary; Gabriel Sanchez, Commissioner; Jose Cruz, Pending Commissioner; Nick Kosiek, Vice Chair; Tom Rosenfeld, Community Member; Jim Ginderske, Glenwood Avenue Arts District; Rachel Bowen, Glenwood Sunday Market Manager & RPBA Staff Member; Sandi Price, Executive Director of RPBA.

Absent:, Sara Izquierdo, Commissioner; Irene Bermudez, Commissioner.

1. Welcome
The meeting began at 9:05 a.m.
2. Community and Public Input
The following community members present proposal for SSA #24 sponsorship:
 - Tom Rosenfeld and Jim Ginderske, GAAD
 - Rachel Bowen, GSM
 - Joshua Marshall, owner of Monarch Cafe
 - Charles Cherqui, Perception Cannabis
3. Increase sponsorship cap to \$25k conversation. Motion to increase the max level of sponsorship per request, per year, up to 20% of budget presented to \$25k. (Goldberg/Kosiek). Unanimously approved.
4. SSA Sponsorship Request Presentations
 - Glenwood Sunday Market
Rachel presented a proposal to request sponsorship for Glenwood Sunday Market. Motion to sponsor GSM at the \$24 level. (Kosiek/Sanchez). Unanimously approved.
 - Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest
Tom and Jim presented a proposal to request sponsorship for Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival. Motion to sponsor fest at the \$25k level. (Kosiek/Sanchez) Unanimously approved.
 - North Side Queer Pride
Tom and Jim of GAAD presented a proposal to request sponsorship for NSQP. There was discussion over how much to sponsor the fest for considering that the event takes place inside and outside of SSA#24. It was decided that SSA #24 would sponsor at the \$17,500 for activities produced within the SSA#24, assuming SSA#19 would cover the balance so that the fest would get a total of \$20,000 in sponsorship. Motion to sponsor NSQP at the \$17,500 level. (Kosiek/Goldberg) Unanimously approved.
5. Monarch Community Cafe BIP Request
The owner of Monarch Community Cafe presented a request for a BIP award for signage of new business located on Clark Street within the SSA. Motion to award reimbursement of 50% of the costs as presented. (Kosiek/Goldberg). Unanimously approved.
6. Perception Cannabis BIP Request
The owner of Perception Cannabis presented a request for a BIP award for window improvements after a car crashed into their storefront. Motion to approve BIP award up to 50% of the cost as presented. (Kosiek/Goldberg) Unanimously approved.
7. February 2026 Minutes
November 2026 minutes were reviewed. No additional information was requested.
8. SSA Manager's Report – Carolina gave updates to commission on the following:



Clark/Morse/Glenwood Special Service Area #24
Wednesday, April 01, 2026 - 9 a.m.
1448 W. Morse

- a. Camino Clark: colectivo events, windows being painted, sculptures, banners
- b. Social Media Management RFP is out
- c. GSM Spiral into Spring - April 19 | 4 to 7 pm

9. RPBA Updates

- a. First Fridays on Sheridan
- b. Chicago With You taskforce
- c. Ribbon Cutting - May 14 | 10 to 12 pm
- d. SpaceMarch - April 29 | 5 to 6:30 pm

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

- a. New: Thrifty Whiskers
- b. Monarch opening soon
- c. Wasteshed still looking for space.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.