



Commission Meeting Minutes

Attending: Carolina Juarez; RPBA staff, Sandi Price; RPBA ED, Wally Andersen; Chair, Zach Joseph, 49th Ward Office; Al Goldberg, Treasurer/Secretary; Sara Izquierdo, Commissioner; Jose Cruz, Pending Commissioner; Nick Kosiek, Vice Chair.

Guests: Via Video; Lily Bartkoske; Ringold Financial Management Services

Absent:, Gabriel Sanchez, Commissioner; Irene Bermudez, Commissioner.

1. Welcome
The meeting began at 9:01 a.m.
2. Community and Public Input
None
3. Audit Presentation - 2025
Lily from Ringold Financial Management Services presented an overview of their audit of SSA #24 for 2025. The firm acknowledged delayed tax collections. Findings were minor, including Customer Attraction and Personnel having expenses that exceeded the budgeted amounts. SSA managers and Commissioners will work diligently to spend excess carryovers from 2024 & 2025. Motion to approve draft audit as presented by Ringold Financial Management Services. (Kosiek/Izquierdo) Unanimously approved.
4. April 2026 Minutes
Tabled.
5. Financials through April, 2026
April 2026 financials. Sandi answered a question about standardized financials. No additional information was requested.
6. La Casa Vieja - BIP Request
The Commission reviewed a new application for BIP rebate from La Casa Vieja, located on Clark Street. The business is requesting funds for new signage. Motion to approve BIP rebate for 50% of the costs as presented by lowest estimate. (Kosiek/Izquierdo) Unanimously approved.
7. SSA Manager's Report – Carolina gave updates to commission on the following:
 - a. Ideas for 2027 Budget
The Commission would like a Mile of Murals project for 2027. Some murals need improvements, like Dose Green's mural was tagged. They would like to keep Special Events at the same amount or minor increase to allow for new event requests
 - b. Camino Clark: Colectivo, tanda, windows on Clark were painted, sculptures installing soon, SDCD grant for funding being submitted;
 - c. Social Media Management Consultant has been selected, moving forward with next steps.
 - d. GSM Opening Day - June 7th, Ceremony at 8:45 am, please attend.
 - e. Secret Shopper Proposal- Carolina explained the proposal. The Commission requested the businesses should opt in and not be surprised. Carolina will send an email to ask businesses if they want to participate.
8. RPBA Updates
 - a. Best of Rogers Park is on June 25th, 2026
 - b. Chicago With You Taskforce is moving along



Clark/Morse/Glenwood Special Service Area #24
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 - 9 a.m.
1448 W. Morse

- c. Business Attraction - Intern creating list of all businesses on Clark, Howard and Devon, as well as updating vacancy list.

9. Old Business

Some Commissioners voiced their concern with Glenwood being closed for parking.

Carolina took note.

10. New Business

- a. Monarch opening soon.
- b. A Commissioner wants to create a DIY Taco Crawl plan.
- c. Also, was reminded to better support the Auto shop industry along Clark St.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.