Howard Street & Jarvis Square Special Service Area #19
Howard & Evanston Community Center
7648 N Paulina St.
Wednesday October 21, 2026 at 9 am
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Tim Amos, Jason Kaiser, Dave Skora, Jenni Smith, Charlotte Walters (chair)

Members absent:

Others present: Sandi Price and Tim Williams, RPBA
Imani Clayton, 49th ward office

Call to order

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:04

1. **Approve meeting minutes from last meeting**

   Jenni moved to approve the meeting minutes from September. Tim seconded.

   Approved unanimously.

2. **2026 YTD Financials**

   Sandi mentioned that currently we will go over the budget line for security cameras by the end of the year. Since there is only one item in the category, we either need to do a budget revision, or move the camera relocation costs that were not anticipated. Sandi will have the accountant move the camera relocation costs for the currency exchange to the Website & Technology line.

3. **Jarvis Square Family Fun Fest October 24 - $600**

   Jenni mentioned that this event is an annual family friendly event. Dave stated that he loves all of the events in Jarvis Square and that they should be supported.

   Jason moved approval. Charlotte seconded.

   Approved unanimously.

4. **One Howard Street Updates**

   Howard/Ridge – Korean BBQ Restaurant/looking for a restaurants to lease space in their shared kitchen

   Howard/Paulina – next steps – tax credits were awarded, start construction March 2027. Currency exchange moved across the street. Looking at small grocery tenants. Delays due to post office relocation.

Howard/Ashland - Possibly a new RFP in 2027

Willye White Splash Pad construction in 2027

Viaduct lighting has been delayed. The City of Evanston is working on it.

Murals - we should have a signed agreement soon for the murals under the Metra tracks. They may delay starting until the Spring. Charlotte wants to be sure that the commissioners are involved in the design selection.

Intersection stamps - We are hoping for a Paulina install this year - waiting on legal agreement from CDOT for permitting.

Evanston Police Substation coming soon at 311 W Howard

Rogers Park Taproom & Coffeehouse seemed busy throughout the day, though they have since permanently closed. Since they couldn't make a profit.

Charlotte mentioned that the clock on Howard needs to be reset.

5. **New Business**

There are new safety issues on Jarvis. There is drug dealing happening out of the laundromat. There is also someone dumping mattresses in the alley behind R Public House.

Imani mentioned that there were several smash and grabs at businesses on Clark Street over the last few weeks. We discussed hosting a meeting with the police and the business owners to discuss the situation.

6. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Next SSA Commissioners Meeting: Wednesday, November 18,, 2026