

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: None

Staff: Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Placemaking Committee meeting minutes from December 6, 2016, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

People Spots and Sidewalk Seating

Terese McDonald stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to determine the locations of the SSA's two People Spots in 2017. Dillon Goodson summarized the conversation that occurred at the December Placemaking Committee meeting, which centered on whether People Spots should be used more to reinforce focal points or to generate activity where it's currently lacking. Lee Crandell asked members of the Committee to consider whether People Spots should be moved regularly, or whether once a successful location is identified they should be kept in place or replaced with some other long-term investment.

Committee members discussed the importance of reinstalling People Spots in the same areas of the neighborhood each year, but suggested that moving them within those areas would ensure that other businesses share in the benefit of having a People Spot directly in front. Melissa Salvatore recommended installing both People Spots on Lincoln Avenue, since the street has narrow sidewalks that cannot accommodate larger sidewalk cafes. Terese McDonald agreed, suggesting that sidewalk seating areas might work better on Southport, which has wider sidewalks. Nabil Zahrah motioned to recommend to the SSA Commission that it locate People Spots at 3114-3120 N. Lincoln Ave. and 3422 N. Lincoln Ave. in 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Nabil Zahrah asked staff to secure a landscape architecture firm to recommend readymade site furnishings for sidewalk seating areas throughout the service area. Committee members discussed a few potential locations for sidewalk seating areas, including in front of Sheil Park on Southport, on Southport north of Waveland, in the plaza at the intersection of Belmont and Southport, in the plaza at the intersection of Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont, and on Ashland just south of Roscoe. They agreed to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Public Art

Dillon Goodson presented a map of the neighborhood, showing the locations of existing public art and potential locations for new murals. Committee members discussed placing murals in high-trafficked parts of the service area and using them as photo opportunities to garner attention for the neighborhood. Terese McDonald asked the Committee to continue the conversation at its next meeting.

Landscaping and Maintenance

Dillon Goodson shared that he is working with an urban planning intern on a tree survey to determine where there is a tree deficit in the SSA service area. He also shared a list of streetscape elements in need of painting and cleaning, including street poles, bike racks, litter receptacles and other assets. Committee members asked Dillon to finalize costs and prepare a list of tree planting and streetscape maintenance projects to address in the spring.

2017 Meeting Schedule

Terese McDonald asked Committee members about their availability for future meetings. They agreed on the fourth Thursday of every month in the mornings.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

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Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: Jenna Jones

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from January 27, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Sidewalk Seating Areas and People Spots

Terese McDonald introduced Jenna Jones from Site Design to provide an overview of their process for recommending readymade site furnishings for sidewalk seating areas throughout the service area. Jenna explained that Site Design would begin by taking field measurements to create base drawings at four sites within the SSA, and would compile a few different site furnishing options for the committee to consider at its March meeting. They expected to have final drawings ready by April.

Committee members discussed a few potential locations for sidewalk seating areas and agreed on the following: Sheil Park on Southport, on Southport north of Waveland, and on Ashland just south of Roscoe. They asked staff to share these locations with Site Design and recommended that the designers should select a fourth location.

Dillon Goodson updated Committee members on the permitting process for the two People Spots. He indicated that he is still awaiting letters of support from businesses at both of the proposed locations, and asked for Committee members to recommend alternatives to placing the People Spot at 3114-3120 N. Lincoln Ave. should that location not meet necessary approvals. Committee members recommended moving the People Spot in front of 3120-3126 N. Lincoln Ave. as a second option, or in front of 3100-3114 N. Lincoln Ave. as a third option.

Public Art

Dillon Goodson informed Committee members that the SSA was invited to participate in the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs' Year of Public Art Initiative. Terese McDonald commented that she thought any future murals should be utilized as a social media opportunity, encouraging pedestrians to take pictures in front of artwork. Nabil Zahrah recommended the vacant wall behind the Bank of America at 3240 N. Ashland Ave. and the facade of the CVS Pharmacy located at 3637 N. Southport Ave. as potential locations for murals. He asked staff to vet locations with businesses and property owners and to recommend a few artists at the March meeting for consideration.

Landscaping and Maintenance

Terese McDonald shared a list of streetscape elements in need of painting and cleaning. The SSA Commission previously authorized spending up to \$10,000 on various maintenance projects in 2017. Committee members recommended prioritizing painting bike racks and miscellaneous street furniture, in addition to cleaning Victor Stanley Litter receptacles, over painting street poles, which they suggested could be accomplished in a later year or as budget allows.

Dillon Goodson shared a list of potential locations for new tree pits throughout the SSA. Nabil Zahrah recommended focusing on planting trees within two or three clusters of approximately 20 trees per cluster. Luis Monje recommended planting new trees on Ashland between the new Whole Foods Market and Target as a way of encouraging pedestrian activity on the street.

Committee members considered a proposal from BrightView to maintain an above ground planter bed at the intersection of Belmont and Paulina. The proposed cost was \$6,848 to remove one diseased tree from the planter, and plant two new trees along with a mix of perennials. Dillon Goodson explained that the cost reflected the labor to remove the existing tree and its root system in order to make way for new trees. Committee members requested a revised proposal with a lower total project cost.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Terese McDonald; meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM.

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Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: Brenda Kiesgen (by phone)

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:13 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from February 23, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Sidewalk Seating Areas and People Spots

Dillon Goodson updated the Committee that the Chamber recently learned about a water main project tentatively scheduled to begin in May along Lincoln Avenue from Belmont to Wellington. He indicated that the City is still finalizing the timeline and scope of the project, but added that it could impact the People Spot planned for 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave., which is pending approval by CDOT. Committee members asked for an update at the next Streetscape Committee meeting.

Terese McDonald introduced Brenda Kiesgen from Site Design, who presented three different site furnishing options for the Committee to consider for sidewalk seating areas throughout the SSA. Committee members preferred the second and third options she presented, which included modern benches and patches of raised grass that could be planted along the sidewalk, and provided feedback on the concepts. Brenda said that Site Design would explore possible configurations for both options for the sidewalk in front of Sheil Park and would present drawings at the April Streetscape Committee meeting.

Public Art

Dillon Goodson updated Committee members on the SSA's collaboration with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs' Year of Public Art Initiative. The application window for artists interested in submitting for the 50x50 Neighborhood Arts Project closed on March 10, and Dillon expected that the Committee would have submittals to review soon.

Landscaping and Maintenance

Dillon Goodson shared that spring tree planting was moving forward, with new trees scheduled to be planted throughout the SSA in April or May, depending on the weather. He also updated the Committee on plans to clean all Victor Stanley litter receptacles and paint various street furniture. Finally, he shared that the diseased tree located at the intersection of Belmont and Paulina had been removed by the SSA, and replacement trees and perennials would be planted in May at a lower total project cost than he originally presented to the Committee in February.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM.

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Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: None

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: Brenda Kiesgen (by phone), Despina Zouridis

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from March 23, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Sidewalk Seating Areas and People Spots

Terese McDonald introduced Brenda Kiesgen from Site Design. Brenda shared that she conducted further research into the patches of raised grass that were originally proposed in conjunction with the sidewalk seating area options and found that they could be difficult to maintain. She recommended two alternate options: planters that are contained in benches, or separate, low-profile planters. Committee members questioned whether the combination of modern benches and planters would be eye-catching enough to attract pedestrian traffic and shared other ideas, including painted sidewalk art motifs and interactive games. Brenda suggested clustering the elements together to create more of an impact. She said that Site Design would incorporate the Committee's feedback in another round of drawings for the sidewalk outside Sheil Park, and cautioned that the project budget might limit what could be accomplished.

Dillon Goodson updated the Committee on the installation of the People Spots, noting that the Chamber was still awaiting more information about the water main project tentatively scheduled for Lincoln Avenue from Belmont to Wellington.

Public Art

Dillon Goodson shared potential locations for murals, including the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building located at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont, the CVS Pharmacy wall located near Southport and Addison, and the facade of Sheil Park. Committee members provided feedback on the locations, and Nabil Zahrah suggested that any mural on the facade of Sheil Park should be confined to the windows.

Landscaping and Maintenance

Dillon Goodson updated the Committee on locations for new tree planting and shared that the project would proceed in May due to the weather. He also shared that Victor Stanley litter receptacles would be cleaned and painted in May, and ten new bike racks would be installed throughout the SSA this summer.

Melissa Salvatore motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:01 AM.

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Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore

Absent: Nabil Zahrah

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: Brenda Kiesgen (by phone)

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Luis Monje motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from April 27, 2017, seconded by Melissa Salvatore; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Terese McDonald introduced Brenda Kiesgen from Site Design, who presented the latest drawings for the sidewalk seating area outside Sheil Park. The Committee discussed materials and agreed on a slate color for the benches to accent the wood. Brenda Kiesgen presented a recommended pattern for a sidewalk art motif and asked for the Committee's input. Committee members discussed the density and texture of the pattern and whether it could spill onto the facade of Sheil Park, which some Committee members liked. There was agreement that the colors should be muted with blue accents. Brenda Kiesgen shared that the total project cost was estimated between \$22,000-25,000, but that the cost could be reduced if fewer seating elements were implemented. Committee members asked to have the project implementation phased over two years instead of three. Brenda Kiesgen said she would prepare a presentation for Chicago Park District Review. Terese McDonald reminded the Committee that three other locations in addition to Sheil Park were being considered, and said she would like to prioritize another sidewalk seating area further north on Southport in front of Blaine Elementary School once the sidewalk seating area outside Sheil Park is completed.
- **People Spots:** Dillon Goodson updated the Committee on construction projects that have delayed the installation of both People Spots. He shared that the City had not provided a timeline or details regarding the proposed water main project that could impact the People Spot at 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave. or prohibit it from being installed, and asked the Committee to consider whether an alternate location should be explored. Committee members discussed that there are not many viable alternatives due to other construction projects and weighed the cost of investing in a People Spot. Luis Monje motioned to keep the People Spot located at 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave., seconded by Terese McDonald; motion carries 2-1. Dillon Goodson added that the painted bumpouts at the Lincoln Hub and other elements of the Lincoln Avenue Placemaking Project could also be affected by the construction, and said he would keep the Committee updated.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson updated the Committee on progress securing locations for public art in the neighborhood, focusing on the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building located at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont and the facade of CVS Pharmacy on Southport. Committee members

agreed that the murals could be sponsored, but added that the artwork should stand alone with sponsor recognition executed tastefully. Dillon Goodson noted that some upfront expenses might be necessary in order to seek property owner approval, such as commissioning artists to create concepts scaled to fit the proposed walls.

- **Public Wi-Fi:** Dillon Goodson presented a solution for free public Wi-Fi at neighborhood focal points and SSA-sponsored public spaces. The Committee discussed how offering Wi-Fi as a free public amenity could encourage people to linger longer in the neighborhood while allowing the SSA to learn where visitors to public spaces are coming from. They suggested that a hotspot could be piloted in conjunction with new sidewalk seating areas. Melissa Salvatore motioned to spend an estimated \$3,164.35 to pilot one Wi-Fi hotspot for 12 months outside Sheil Park, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Streetscape Maintenance

- **Southport Plaza Bird Deterrent:** Dillon Goodson shared a proposal for deterring pigeons from roosting in the Southport Plaza space, which creates waste. The vendor, Wild Goose Chase, Inc., recommends installing a combination of bird netting and spikes beneath the CTA platform and tracks, which is estimated to cost \$6,625. The Committee discussed the proposal and deferred action to the SSA Commission.

Announcements

- Dillon Goodson shared a final list of locations for new tree planting and shared that the project was expected to proceed in the next couple weeks.

Melissa Salvatore motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:29 AM.

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Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: None

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from May 25, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Terese McDonald shared the latest drawings for the seating area outside Sheil Park and asked Committee members to consider the sidewalk paint treatment, and whether any paint should spill onto the facade of the Park District building. Committee members determined that the paint should be confined to the sidewalk and not include the facade of the building. Committee discussed which colors should be incorporated into the sidewalk art motif and potential maintenance issues associated with painting the sidewalk, deferring any decisions to a future meeting. Committee members asked staff to work with the Chicago Park District to determine whether a mural could be installed in the windows of Sheil Park to beautify the facade and attract attention for that stretch of Southport. Dillon Goodson shared a cost for Site Design to complete additional sidewalk seating area drawings for three other locations, which he estimated at \$1,750. Committee members agreed that a sidewalk seating area outside Blaine Elementary School should be prioritized as the only other location, which would reduce the cost of the drawings. Committee members looked at a few potential sites around Blaine Elementary School for the second sidewalk seating area location and indicated their preference for a portion of the sidewalk north of Grace on Southport adjacent to Blaine Field. Dillon said he would share the proposal for the Sheil Park sidewalk seating area with the Chicago Park District and would ask Site Design to start working on drawings for the second location outside Blaine Elementary School based on the Committee's feedback.
- **People Spots:** Dillon Goodson updated the Committee on the installation of the People Spots and asked Committee members to consider whether the People Spot locations would be moving in 2018. Committee members decided they would consider 2018 locations based on the success of the People Spots in 2017 and asked staff to conduct site observations and prepare a presentation for discussion in the fall. Dillon shared that CDOT estimated the cost of a 40 ft. permanent concrete sidewalk bumpout at approximately \$20-50,000, and suggested that this could be a good permanent solution for places where People Spots are proven to be successful. Committee members agreed.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson shared that he spoke with the property owners and a tenant of the property located at approximately 3241 N. Lincoln Ave., which includes the south-facing wall of

the XSport Fitness building, and that he was putting together a proposal for a mural on this wall. Committee members discussed whether one of the tenants would be willing to contribute funding to offset costs associated with the initial installation of the mural, and asked to include this request in the proposal. Dillon suggested that ongoing maintenance of the mural would be necessary to ensure that any graffiti is removed and the trees remain at their current height to ensure visibility of the mural, but that the costs should be nominal compared to the initial installation. Committee members reviewed artist submissions that were preselected by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events through their Year of Public Art initiative, and chose the following artists to be considered for the mural: Don't Fret, Anthony Lewellen, Joseph Perez, JC Rivera, Justus Roe and Vanessa Sanchez. Dillon said he would get feedback from the building stakeholders and ask two or three of these artists to submit proposals for the Committee to consider. Committee members discussed how to engage the public in the design of the mural and determined that the design should be unveiled once finalized by the artist.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Lincoln Hub Maintenance: Dillon Goodson asked Committee members to consider a maintenance plan for the Lincoln Hub intersection going forward, citing approximately \$4,500 in annual costs per year to clean and seal the bumpouts. Committee members agreed that the SSA should continue to keep the space clean and well-maintained and that the conversation should continue in the fall.

Announcements

- Dillon Goodson shared that approximately 30 trees had been planted throughout the SSA, bringing the total number of new trees funded by the SSA in the past year to 60. He shared that Friends of Lakeview, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was taking requests for trees to be planted on residential streets outside the boundaries of the SSA.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melissa Salvatore; meeting adjourned at 9:04 AM.

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Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:23 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Luis Monje motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from June 22, 2017, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Terese McDonald shared drawings for the second sidewalk seating area outside Blaine Elementary School. She suggested that the seating area should be moved further south on Southport, near the corner of Southport and Grace between the light post and utility boxes, so that it is better connected to nearby businesses and in closer proximity to the school building. Committee members agreed, and asked staff to commission Site Design to create a new drawing set for submission with the grant of privilege permit application. They also discussed painting the utility boxes to create another visual draw. Committee members then discussed the sidewalk paint treatment at Sheil Park, which would also be utilized in the seating area by Blaine Elementary School. Upon reviewing initial proposals from one of the SSA's vendors, they discussed ways to reduce the cost to around \$5,000 by simplifying the design to reduce the labor or by using a more temporary paint. Committee members agreed that the sidewalk art motif was integral to the seating areas and that the project should not proceed without painted sidewalks. Finally, Committee members asked for Site Design to remove the modular planters from the drawings and look into standard concrete planters instead. After the Committee was finished discussing sidewalk seating areas, Luis Monje mentioned that the People Spots needed more shade and suggested that umbrellas could be purchased. Dillon Goodson said he would consult CDOT to see whether this would be possible for 2017, given the existing Use Agreement.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson updated Committee members on the status of the mural opportunity at approximately 3241 N. Lincoln Ave., which includes the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont, and a second mural opportunity in the windows of Sheil Park. The Committee indicated their preference for artwork that possibly includes some social commentary, highlighting the diversity of Chicago and incorporating imagery from around Lakeview. Dillon Goodson shared that, in addition to reaching out to local artists via the Year of Public Art submissions, he was also speaking with Chicago Sister Cities International about a potential collaboration with an international artist based outside of Chicago.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Tree Planting & Tree Care: Dillon Goodson shared a list of outstanding tree planting locations within the SSA and asked for the Committee's input on which locations should be prioritized, given the remaining budget. Nabil Zahrah said that the SSA should plant trees in all of the locations remaining on the list and could reallocate funding within the budget as necessary. Committee members agreed. Dillon estimated that the remaining trees would be planted in October or November of 2017.

Announcements

- Nabil Zahrah continued a conversation from the recent SSA Commission meeting about the Milwaukee Avenue streetscape project, and requested to have CDOT present on the project and discuss the potential of implementing similar bicycle infrastructure improvements on Lincoln Avenue. Dillon Goodson shared that CDOT had been invited and would be attending the September SSA Commission meeting.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

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Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: None

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:11 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Luis Monje motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from July 27, 2017, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Terese McDonald updated Committee members on a recent conversation with the Chicago Park District and Alderman Tunney's office regarding the sidewalk seating area outside Sheil Park, during which the stakeholders recommended a few changes to the configuration of the benches and asked for the design of the sidewalk art motif to be simplified. The Committee discussed whether removing the sidewalk art motif entirely would be necessary based on their feedback; some Committee members expressed support for this, while others shared that they thought the art was integral to the overall design of the seating area. No consensus was reached, with Committee members agreeing that Site Design should share another round of revisions for consideration first. Finally, Dillon Goodson reminded Committee members that permitting for the project would take a few months, and that it was likely that it wouldn't be possible to execute in 2017. Committee members understood and said that the funding could be rolled into 2018.
- **People Spots:** Committee members shared feedback on the 2017 People Spot locations, including continuing a discussion about whether umbrellas could be added to provide more shade for pedestrians. Dillon Goodson shared that the addition of umbrellas would not be possible this year due to umbrellas not being included in the Use Agreement with CDOT, but that this change could be considered for 2018. Some committee members also commented that the bench outside 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave. is more effective as an art installation than as a seat, and that perhaps it could be replaced with tables and chairs in the future. Committee members also revisited a previous conversation about concrete bumpouts that would extend into the parking lane as a permanent substitute for People Spots, and asked Chamber staff to discuss the feasibility with CDOT and Aldermen.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson updated Committee members on the mural opportunity at approximately 3241 N. Lincoln Ave., which includes the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont. The property owner and tenants indicated their preference for two artists on the Committee's original list of preferred artists, Anthony Lewellen and Justus Roe. Dillon said that both artists are in the process of developing concepts, which would be available for the Commission to review and vote upon at the September meeting. He estimated

that the total cost of the project paid for by the SSA would be approximately \$15,000, including a stipend for the artist and the cost of equipment to install the artwork, but that the property owner is funding tuckpointing to prepare the site. Committee members said that the original list of preferred artists not selected for this mural should be considered for other murals elsewhere in the neighborhood, including the west-facing wall of the CVS on Southport and walls further south on Lincoln Avenue. Dillon shared that he was continuing the conversation with Chicago Sister Cities International about sponsoring an international artist to install his or her work in Lakeview, although they were not interested in partnering for the Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont mural in 2017.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Litter Abatement and Graffiti Removal: Dillon Goodson shared a summary of reports from Cleanslate, the SSA's litter abatement vendor. Over the past year, Cleanslate's crew members have emptied nearly 14,000 bags of trash and recycling from the SSA's litter receptacles, and since the beginning of 2017, removed more than 1,500 graffiti tags. He also shared a map showing hot spots, or litter receptacles identified by Cleanslate as typically full or mostly full upon collection. Nabil Zahrah suggested that the SSA should reduce the overall number of litter receptacles within the district and work with individual business owners, especially cafes and take-out restaurants that generate a lot of waste, to ensure that they are providing an adequate number of private receptacles for their customers. Committee members suggested piloting the removal of a couple litter receptacles in hot spots later this year before determining whether this change should be implemented throughout the entire SSA. They also suggested that graffiti removal services should be reconsidered during the next contract bidding cycle.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; meeting adjourned at 9:12 AM.

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September 28, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson, Renee Wah

Guests: Brenda Kiesgen (by phone), Julia Mickelson, Chloe Milstein

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:21 AM.

Public Comment

Chloe Milstein, a local resident and member of the Southport Neighbors Association, introduced herself.

Julia Mickelson, a resident, introduced herself.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Luis Monje motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from August 24, 2017, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Brenda Kiesgen from Site Design joined by phone to share the latest drawings for the proposed sidewalk seating area outside Sheil Park. She noted that the sidewalk art motif had been simplified and reflected a blue and green color palette based on Park District input; the benches were reconfigured with shorter segments; and modular planters were removed in favor of 36" standalone planters. She asked for the Committee's feedback on the revised drawings, including four different sidewalk art pattern options. The Committee agreed that Pattern C was the preferred option for the sidewalk art motif and requested a final draft of the drawings to be shared with the Chicago Park District. Dillon Goodson also presented early drawings for a window mural, which were completed by artist George Berlin, and asked for the Committee's feedback on two different design options. There was support for both options. The Committee discussed how the design elements in Concept 2 do a better job of filling the windows, but also indicated that they liked how elements in Concept 1 carried over from one window to the next, making the entire facade feel more cohesive. They asked for the artist to make sure the content of the mural reflected the activities that take place inside the Chicago Park District building, and also agreed that the artist could have more flexibility to incorporate additional colors into the designs, in addition to the primary shades of blue and green that are also being used within the sidewalk art motif. Finally, Dillon reported on a preliminary meeting he held with Blaine Elementary School officials to discuss the feasibility of a second sidewalk seating area at the intersection of Southport and Grace. He shared initial feedback and concerns conveyed by the officials, and said that they were seeking additional input from a couple of their school committees before they could indicate whether they could be supportive of the idea.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson reported that the property owner of the building located at approximately 3241 N. Lincoln Ave., which includes the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont, had approved a revised concept from artist Anthony Lewellen, titled "Lake View." He shared that the artist was expecting to begin installation of the mural the weekend of October 7, and that it would take an estimated 3-4 weeks to complete, weather permitting. He asked for the Committee's feedback on options for recognizing the SSA's

sponsorship of the mural. Committee members discussed whether the artist could paint a credit line at the top left of the wall. Dillon said he would work with the artist to evaluate different options for legibility, and to determine whether the artist would be able to paint a credit line, or whether an alternate location and approach would be necessary.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Litter Receptacles: Based on the Committee's input in August that they would like to pilot the removal of a few litter receptacles within the SSA, Dillon Goodson shared the locations of litter receptacles that could potentially be removed. He indicated that he prioritized receptacles located near businesses that generate significant amounts of private waste, including takeout restaurants and cafes. Committee members suggested a couple more locations, but agreed with the list shared by Dillon. Dillon said that the Department of Streets and Sanitation would need to approve the removal of the litter receptacles, since many of the receptacles were originally purchased by them, and that he would reach out to begin the conversation.

Announcements

- Dillon Goodson shared the following announcements:
 - Staff is working with the Bureau of Forestry on a fall tree planting project, which will include the installation of new tree pits in sidewalk cutouts and the replacement of dead trees throughout the SSA. Approximately \$15,000 remains in the Landscaping budget for this work. Nabil Zahrah suggested that the SSA Commission should consider allocating unspent funds at the end of 2017 towards tree pruning.
 - The SSA's two-year contract with Dad's Home Services to provide holiday decorations throughout the SSA is entering its second year. Dillon asked the Committee whether they wanted to request any changes to the decorations in 2017. Committee members agreed that the 2016 display was well-executed and could be replicated again this holiday season. Dillon also shared that approximately \$500 would be spent piloting solar-powered string lights around poles at the Lincoln Hub intersection to see whether these lights could eventually be deployed throughout the entire SSA in future years.
 - A local artist previously identified by the Streetscape Committee through the Year of Public Art's 50x50 Neighborhood Arts Program applications is interested in activating a few vacant storefronts at the Lincoln Hub as part of POP, the SSA's pop-up storefront program. Staff is also speaking with the artist about completing a mural at the Lincoln Hub as part of this partnership.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM.

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October 26, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from September 28, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Dillon Goodson updated Committee members that the Park District is reviewing revised sidewalk seating area concepts for Sheil Park, but had yet to provide feedback. He also presented artist George Berlin's latest drawings for the proposed Sheil Park window mural, incorporating the Committee's comments that they'd like to see the artwork incorporate design elements that are bold and cohesive across all of the windows. Committee members liked the revised drawings as-is and asked to have them shared with Sheil Park for their feedback and approval. Dillon also said that he was in the process of getting a rough estimate on what the artwork would cost to install on the windows, and that he would share figures at a future meeting. Finally, Dillon shared that Blaine Elementary School's administration had invited the SSA to present on its second proposed sidewalk seating area at two upcoming meetings with their advisory councils.
- **People Spots:** Dillon Goodson shared that both People Spots would be removed in the next couple weeks in preparation for winter. The Lakeview Chamber's fall urban planning intern, Renee Wah, is completing an assessment of the People Spots that will be shared at a future meeting. Committee members discussed the costs of installing and maintaining the People Spots each year and suggested that a permanent alternative, such as floating concrete sidewalk bumpouts, should be considered as a replacement for People Spots.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson reported that installation of Anthony Lewellen's "Lake View" mural at the intersection of Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont is wrapping up, while artist Sentrock is completing his "Southport Style" murals on the first Low-Line Mural Walls, to be unveiled this evening during a special Year of Public Art celebration at the Southport Plaza. Terese McDonald shared examples of plaques recognizing the SSA and artist that will be displayed alongside the "Lake View" mural. Committee members discussed the role the Streetscape Committee will play with executing future public art opportunities along the Low-Line. Dillon suggested that a new curatorial committee, consisting of SSA and non-SSA representatives who are leaders in the local arts community, could take responsibility for identifying local artists to complete future public artwork within the SSA's service area. Committee members supported this idea and discussed ways to ensure that artists outside Lakeview are considered.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Tree Planting & Maintenance: Dillon Goodson shared the SSA's fall tree survey of possible locations for new trees to be planted and asked for the Committee's direction on which sites should be prioritized given the remaining tree planting budget of approx. \$15,000. Committee members requested that the replacement of existing dead trees should be prioritized over planting trees in places where they currently do not exist, and also that the focus area should be Ashland and then Lincoln avenues. Nabil Zahrah said that the Commission should consider allocating an additional \$10,000 in unspent funds at the end of 2017 towards tree pruning and asked for staff to get a couple competitive quotes from qualified vendors for comparison.

New Business

- November Streetscape Committee Meeting: Due to the holidays, Dillon Goodson suggested combining the November and December Streetscape Committee meetings into one meeting held in early December, during which the Committee could also review proposals for 2018-19 landscaping and select a vendor. Committee members agreed on Thursday, December 7 from 8-9:30 AM and also discussed the draft landscaping RFP, but did not have any changes to the scope of work.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson, Lee Crandell

Guests: Mike Beltz, Grant Dawson, Andrew Johengen, Renee Wah

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from October 26, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Evaluation of 2017 People Spots

Nabil Zahrah introduced Renee Wah, the Lakeview Chamber's urban planning intern, who presented the findings of her evaluation of the SSA's 2017 People Spot locations. Renee spent several months observing both People Spots, talking with people using the People Spots, and meeting with adjacent businesses to gather input. She shared her observation that both of the People Spots, which were located at 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave. and 3418-3422 N. Lincoln Ave. in 2017, performed well in these locations, but they could benefit from added shade from taller plants or umbrellas. Committee members discussed whether the bench that is connected to the People Spot at 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave. could be removed and replaced with movable tables and chairs to encourage people to linger longer. They also compared the placement of the People Spots in 2017 to the success of past locations, such as the original placement of one of the People Spots on the 2900 block of North Lincoln Avenue, and acknowledged the importance of having a supportive business mix nearby. Dillon Goodson reminded Committee members that a decision on 2018 locations would need to be made by February, and that the Committee could continue previous conversations about replacing People Spots with permanent public spaces, like a concrete bumpout.

Sidewalk Seating Areas

Terese McDonald reported that she and Lakeview Chamber staff had recently attended two committee meetings at Blaine Elementary School to gather feedback on the proposed sidewalk seating area on the north end of Southport. Officials at Blaine Elementary School remain concerned about adding a fixed bench near their school due to safety issues, and therefore the feasibility of the project is uncertain at this time. Nabil Zahrah motioned to proceed with finding a different location for this sidewalk seating area elsewhere on the north end of Southport, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Tree Planting & Tree Care

Dillon Goodson reported that approximately 30 new trees were planted throughout the SSA in November, with most of the trees concentrated on Ashland and Lincoln avenues. He shared proposals from two different vendors for winter tree pruning within the SSA service area along Ashland. Committee members discussed how Bartlett Tree Experts had past experience with the SSA, making them the most

qualified to complete this job, and suggested that a broader tree pruning plan for the entire SSA should be examined in the future.

2018-19 Landscaping Contract

Terese McDonald noted that a total of five firms submitted proposals in response to the SSA's RFP for landscaping services in 2018-19. Based on the Streetscape Committee's review ahead of this meeting, two firms were invited to present on their proposals: BrightView and A Safe Haven. Terese introduced representatives from each of these firms, who presented separately on their qualifications and landscaping recommendations. Upon the conclusion of both presentations, Committee members discussed the proposals and cited BrightView's past experience as SSA 27's landscaping vendor since 2016. Expressing their overall satisfaction with BrightView, Committee members requested for them to install plants that are more mature and suggested that they should be more attentive to weeds in in-ground planter beds. Terese McDonald motioned to recommend a \$53,840 per year contract with BrightView for 2018-19, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:39 AM.