

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2019, 8:30 AM

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

Present: Paul Leamon, Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Chuck Stewart, Doug Zylstra

Absent: None

Staff: Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Call to Order

Luis Monje called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Terese McDonald motioned to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2018 Streetscape Committee meeting, seconded by Chuck Stewart; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Public Seating Survey:** Dillon Goodson shared the results of a survey that gathered recommendations from businesses and community members about where the SSA should invest in seating in the future. According to the survey, more respondents suggested People Spots than sidewalk seating, and the most popular locations included the 2900 block of N. Lincoln Ave., near the Paulina Station and along Southport Ave. More than ten businesses that responded offered to sponsor public seating along their block. The Committee discussed the survey findings and suggested that the SSA should find a solution that every commercial street within the SSA could accommodate, noting some of the limitations of People Spots and sidewalk seating. Committee members envisioned a more compact, integrated seating element that would include a table, chairs and planters that could easily be replicated and deployed in multiple locations, sitting on sidewalks of various widths. Based on the results of the survey, they thought the SSA should begin by piloting the new seating area on the 2900 block of N. Lincoln Ave. near Heritage Bicycles + Coffee as early as this year, but acknowledged that the design process could take longer depending on whether there is an off-the-shelf product that could accomplish the SSA's vision or whether a custom option is necessary. Terese McDonald motioned for the SSA to work with a designer to propose options for an integrated sidewalk seating configuration, seconded by Paul Leamon; motion carries.
- **Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina Sidewalk Seating Area:** Dillon Goodson shared PORT Urbanism's revised design recommendations for the new curb extension at the intersection of Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina. He asked the Committee to confirm its intention to install a second sidewalk seating area on the 3600 block of N. Southport Ave. in 2019, noting that the SSA budget probably couldn't accommodate a third sidewalk seating area at the intersection of Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina this year. Committee members liked the revised drawings and acknowledged that they wanted to prioritize the second sidewalk seating area on Southport Ave. this year. Chuck Stewart motioned to approve the drawings for the Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina sidewalk seating area, with the addition of more modern umbrellas if possible, seconded by Terese McDonald; motion carries.
- **2019 People Spot Locations:** Committee members continued their conversation about a new integrated sidewalk seating configuration and suggested that a portion of the funds typically allocated for the installation of the SSA's People Spots could be reallocated to support a pilot of this new seating project. They asked staff to create a plan for phasing out the People Spot program entirely, but indicated that they would still like to install one People Spot in 2019 at a location to be determined at a future meeting.

Adjourn

Terese McDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chuck Stewart; meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.