

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

February 28, 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: Sean McKay

Call to Order

Luis Monje called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Terese McDonald motioned to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2019 Streetscape Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Leamon; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Compact Sidewalk Seating Area:** Sean McKay from PORT Urbanism presented examples of projects similar to the SSA's proposed compact sidewalk seating area. He noted how the SSA's concept calls for a design that is unique enough that off-the-shelf seating elements from a streetscape furnishing vendor might not be available, so he suggested exploring custom options. Committee members discussed their vision for the compact sidewalk seating areas, noting that they should be cost-effective, low-maintenance, utilitarian, compact, and visually impactful, possibly incorporating artwork on the sides or having the individual seating structures serving as art themselves. The Committee commented that they would like to see two or three elements on the 2900 block of North Lincoln Ave. near Heritage Bicycles this fall. PORT said that they would develop custom designs to present to the Committee, but cautioned that it could take six months or more to engineer and fabricate the seating elements once the Committee has approved a design.
- **People Spots:** The Committee discussed potential People Spot locations for 2019 and revisited previous conversations about phasing out the program. They explored an option that would see Friends of Lakeview entering into a memorandum of understanding with the SSA to manage the People Spot program in 2019, with the SSA covering storage costs and helping subsidize other costs, depending on whether the People Spot is ultimately installed. Friends of Lakeview could accept donations from businesses or other entities to offset the costs of installing and maintaining People Spots, reducing the SSA's overall expenses. Paul Leamon motioned to approve a one-year agreement with Friends of Lakeview for the management of the People Spot program, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.
- **Chicago Sculpture Exhibit Sponsorship:** Having reviewed sculptures prior to the meeting, the Committee discussed whether to sponsor a Chicago Sculpture Exhibit installation in 2019. Committee members liked the artwork that was submitted, but felt like the SSA should continue focusing on two-dimensional murals this year. They indicated that they would like to take a pass on program sponsorship in 2019.

- **Sheil Park Playground Canopy Sponsorship:** Lee Crandell presented a proposal from the Sheil Park Advisory Council for sponsorship of a shade canopy they are planning to install over the park's playground. Committee members commended the effort, but noted that the SSA did not have funding to support the project since it needed to prioritize its own projects like the new compact sidewalk seating areas.

Streetscape Maintenance

- **Tree Inventory & Management Plan RFP:** Dillon Goodson presented a draft RFP outlining the SSA's request to have a tree care vendor survey the street trees within the SSA's survey area and create a management plan for how the trees should be maintained. The Committee discussed the RFP and how they would like to review pricing before deciding whether the SSA should move forward with this project. Doug Zylstra motioned to approve the RFP for release, seconded by Chuck Stewart; motion carries.

New Business

Dillon shared the proposed flower palettes for the SSA's landscaped planters and asked for Committee feedback. Committee members liked the proposals, but asked for the palette used in the hanging baskets to tie more closely into the sidewalk planters.

Adjourn

Paul Leamon motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chuck Stewart; meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM.