

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2019, 8:30 AM

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

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

Absent: Terese McDonald

Staff: Isabella Downes, Dillon Goodson

Guests: Brandon Biederman

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

Doug Zylstra motioned to approve the minutes from the Streetscape Committee meeting on February 28, 2019, seconded by Chuck Stewart; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Compact Sidewalk Seating Area:** Brandon Biederman from PORT Urbanism presented compact sidewalk seating area design options that combine seating with landscaping and other elements to create visual interest along SSA sidewalks. He discussed how the design is influenced by the narrowness of the public way along streets like Lincoln Ave. with the desire to introduce elements that start to establish a visual identity across the neighborhood, noting that the proposed designs draw inspiration from the yellow seating cubbies at the Paulina Plaza. He shared preliminary pricing from manufacturer Landscape Forms, noting their prior experience working with the SSA as part of the Lakeview Low-Line project. Committee members shared positive feedback about PORT's designs and discussed potential costs and next steps. They asked to explore multiple suppliers, including another round of research to determine whether any companies offer off-the-shelf solutions that could accomplish the same goals as PORT's design concepts. PORT said that they would bid the project out to different manufacturers and continue their research into similar site furnishings that might already exist. They asked Committee members to consider where they would like to see the seating areas installed, indicating that they might be able to increase the width of some of the seating elements based on this feedback. Paul Leamon motioned to approve the design direction as-presented, seconded by Doug Zylstra; motion carries.
- **People Spot Transition Plan:** Luis Monje asked Dillon Goodson to walk the Committee through a proposal outlining potential scenarios for transitioning the SSA's two People Spots over to another entity or phasing the program out, noting a desire to reduce the SSA's share of costs related to the program and so the Commission can explore the next phase of placemaking projects to benefit West Lakeview. Dillon presented on several different scenarios, factors that could be used to evaluate each scenario, and an action plan to guide future discussions. Committee members commented that if the SSA decides to phase out either of the People Spots, they should have a solution ready to roll out as a replacement for the People Spot program so the neighborhood maintains the benefit of public seating. Dillon discussed next steps and said that he would aim to have preliminary research completed before the SSA finalized its 2020 budget this summer. Paul Leamon motioned to approve the People Spot transition plan as presented, seconded by Chuck Stewart; motion carries.
- **Holiday Decorations:** Discussion deferred to a future meeting.

Streetscape Maintenance

- **Tree Inventory & Management Plan:** Discussion deferred to a future meeting.

Adjourn

Paul Leamon motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doug Zylstra; meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.