

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2019, 8:30 AM

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

Present: Paul Leamon, Luis Monje, Doug Zylstra

Absent: Terese McDonald, Chuck Stewart

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Call to Order

Luis Monje called the meeting to order at 8:31 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 April 25, 2019, seconded by Paul Leamon; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Compact Sidewalk Seating Areas:** The Streetscape Committee reviewed additional details and specifications for the compact sidewalk seating areas first presented by PORT Urbanism at the May Committee meeting, including products available through custom and off-the-shelf site furnishing manufacturers. Committee members discussed how custom options would do the best job of meeting the neighborhood's specific design needs, but indicated that they would like PORT to provide a full evaluation of all options, including estimated pricing. The Committee also considered whether different materials, such as aluminum or composite lumber, would have cost advantages. Dillon Goodson said he would communicate this feedback to PORT and ask them to expand their research. Committee members deferred a conversation about preliminary locations for the new seating areas to a future meeting, once the design is finalized.
- **People Spot Transition Plan:** Dillon Goodson updated the Streetscape Committee on staff's exploration of the different scenarios outlined in the People Spot transition plan. He estimated that he'd have responses from the City of Chicago and the SSA's accountant, along with a draft of the bid document for prospective buyers and sponsors, by the June meeting.
- **Holiday Decorations:** Luis Monje invited Streetscape Committee members to share any changes they would like to see incorporated in the SSA's plans for holiday decor in 2019. The Committee indicated that they wanted to continue installing a lit tree on the sidewalk adjacent to St. Alphonsus Church, but thought that the SSA should purchase additional large ornaments for the tree and keep the lights lit at all hours of the day. They also said that they wanted the SSA to continue its partnership with the Chabad of Lakeview to light the menorah at the intersection of Lincoln/Southport/Wellington. Throughout the district, Committee members wanted to explore a red and silver color palette instead of blue and silver, and suggested using red bows on street poles. Finally, the Committee discussed expanding programming throughout the holiday season, focusing on growing the tree and menorah lighting ceremonies and possibly launching a scavenger hunt involving a holiday character appearing in public spaces throughout the neighborhood. Dillon Goodson said that he would share feedback with the SSA's holiday decor vendor, Southport Construction, and finalize a contract for SSA Commission approval.

- **Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina Sculpture:** Dillon Goodson updated the Streetscape Committee on conversations with artist Christopher Newman about reinstalling his SSA-owned sculpture at a different location. Citing challenges with the surface material at the intersection of Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina, he asked for input from the Committee on alternate locations. Streetscape Committee members said they liked the idea of installing the sculpture at the corner of Diversey and Racine next to Gino's East, where it could serve as a gateway at the entrance to Lakeview. Dillon said he would pursue the installation of the sculpture at this new site, pending stakeholder feedback.

Streetscape Maintenance

- **Tree Inventory & Management Plan:** The Streetscape Committee reviewed proposals from two different vendors to conduct a comprehensive inventory of all trees within SSA 27 and create a three-year management plan for the trees. Committee members cited the cost advantages and prior experience of Bartlett Tree Experts. Paul Leamon motioned to recommend Bartlett Tree Experts' proposal, with a total cost of \$8,360.00, seconded by Doug Zylstra; motion carries. Dillon Goodson noted that the contract would need the final approval of the SSA Commission.

New Business

- **2020 SSA Budget Feedback:** Luis Monje and Dillon Goodson summarized new projects that the SSA Commission proposed for the 2020 SSA Budget & Work Plan. Committee members affirmed the project ideas, noting no additional feedback.

Announcements

Dillon Goodson updated the Streetscape Committee that the SSA's contractor shortened the length of the People Spot deck outside Loba Pastry + Coffee during installation to accommodate an additional parking space on the north end. He also shared that the new sidewalk seating area envisioned by the SSA has been installed on the sidewalk outside the CVS on Southport.

Adjourn

Paul Leamon motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.