

Lakeview SSA 27

Commission Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017, 8:30 AM

St. Luke, 1500 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

Present: Jill Heise, Matt Lederer, Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore, Erin Schwartz, Jeremy Wechsler, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Darian Campise, Colleen Daley, Chuck Stewart

Staff: Jessica Costello, Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

Guests: Vanessa Irizarry

Nabil Zahrah called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM. He introduced Jessica Costello as the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce's new events and marketing manager. Lee Crandell mentioned that Kimberly Morris also recently joined the Lakeview Chamber staff as business services manager.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation by the Chicago Department of Transportation on Make Way for People Program

Vanessa Irizarry, Coordinating Planner at the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), presented on the Make Way for People Program, which she explained is focused on supporting innovation in the public way by opening Chicago's streets, parking spots, plazas and alleys to new programming and market opportunities via public and private partnerships. Matt Lederer asked about the length of the application process to install a People Spot. Vanessa suggested that it depends on a variety of factors, including whether the People Spot is moving to a new location, and recommended allowing a minimum of two months. Lee Crandell asked how to approach making People Spots permanent. Vanessa recommended engaging the local aldermen.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Matt Lederer motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2016, seconded by Melissa Salvatore; motion carries.

Placemaking Committee Report

Jill Heise reported that the Placemaking Committee had not convened since the previous SSA Commission Meeting. She shared that the Committee would be meeting soon to recommend a design firm for the Low-Line projects at Ashland and Paulina and review new drawings for the art partitions at the Southport Plaza.

Treasurer's Report

Nabil Zahrah reported that the financials for the 2016 fiscal year had not been closed out yet due to invoices that are still coming in. Total expenses for 2016 were slightly less than anticipated due to savings on key projects, though total income was also lower than expected due to less tax revenue. He shared that the SSA should still be on track to carryover approximately \$50,000 into 2017 as anticipated.

Staff Report

Dillon Goodson shared the staff report and reported on the latest Lakeview Gift Card statistics through December 2016. Luis Monje suggested incorporating a charitable give-back component into the program to increase community participation.

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws

Nabil Zahrah introduced a proposed change to the SSA 27 Bylaws, Article V, Committees:

The Commission may through resolution designate any number of special committees they deem necessary. The Commission shall determine terms and duties of committees and designate committee members to serve on committees. Committees must be chaired by a member of the Commission and may be comprised of non-Commission members. Committees must comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Luis Monje asked for committees to communicate all work back to the SSA Commission. Action deferred to next meeting.

Proposed Committees

Nabil Zahrah introduced a proposal to split the Placemaking Committee into two separate Committees. The Low-Line Committee would guide the development of the Low-Line project with participation on the Committee from Friends of Lakeview, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is also interested in working on the project. The Streetscape Committee would advance SSA 27's mission of improving and enhancing public spaces, including People Spots and sidewalk seating areas, public way landscaping and maintenance, public art, and other projects to be determined. Commissioners discussed the appropriate number of members for each committee, deciding on a limit of five voting members, including Commissioners and non-Commissioners.

Melissa Salvatore motioned to dissolve the Placemaking Committee, seconded by Jill Heise; motion carries. Matt Lederer motioned to create the Low-Line Committee under the terms previously discussed, seconded by Erin Schwartz; motion carries. Nabil Zahrah motioned to appoint Jill Heise as Chair of the Low-Line Committee, seconded by Jeremy Wechsler; motion carries. Jeremy Wechsler motioned to create the Streetscape Committee under the terms previously discussed, seconded by Melissa Salvatore; motion carries. Nabil Zahrah motioned to appoint Terese McDonald as Chair of the Streetscape Committee, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries. Nabil asked for volunteers willing to serve on either committee. Matt Lederer motioned to appoint Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore and Nabil Zahrah to serve on the Streetscape Committee, seconded by Jill Heise; motion carries. Matt Lederer motioned to appoint himself, Erin Schwartz and Nabil Zahrah to serve on the Low-Line Committee, seconded by Terese McDonald; motion carries.

Adjourn

Jeremy Wechsler motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Lederer; meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.