

## **Lakeview SSA 27**

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2018, 8:00 AM

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

**Present:** Terese McDonald, Luis Monje (by phone), Melissa Salvatore, Nabil Zahrah

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Dillon Goodson

**Guests:** None

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from December 7, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

### **Streetscape Enhancements**

- **Holiday Decorations:** Dillon Goodson asked for the Streetscape Committee's feedback on the 2017 holiday decorations. Committee members commented that they liked the simple, classic design of the wreaths, garland and ribbons on street poles, but that this design approach wasn't unique to Lakeview. They discussed whether future displays could be more eye-catching and original, and suggested focusing decorations around two or three focal points within the SSA as opposed to decorating the entire service area.
- **Public Art:**
  - Dillon Goodson shared that he recently participated in the 2018 Chicago Sculpture Exhibit jury and asked Streetscape Committee members whether they would recommend for the SSA to fund a sculpture in 2018. Committee members discussed whether the exhibit fills the Committee's overall goals for public art in Lakeview, and asked to see the entries once they are finalized before making a decision. The Committee also discussed hosting a separate Lakeview-themed sculpture walk that would invite multiple artists to design objects inspired by the neighborhood, which could be put on display throughout the SSA.
  - The Streetscape Committee revisited its conversation in October 2017 about the establishment of a public art committee. The new committee would consist of SSA and non-SSA representatives who have connections to local artists and potential funding sources to support the development of additional public works of art in West Lakeview. The Streetscape Committee expressed support for the idea, and Dillon Goodson said he would work on developing the committee framework.
  - Dillon Goodson shared that he is working with community partners to build local support for installing a mural on the west-facing facade of the CVS Pharmacy on Southport. He indicated that there might be funding potential beyond the SSA and asked for the Streetscape Committee's input on the artist selection and concept development process if multiple stakeholders are involved. Committee members liked the idea of partnering with other organizations, as long as the Committee retains its right to

approve or deny concepts. They expressed support for selecting artists that could bring a different perspective to the project, including artwork that addresses social issues.

- Sidewalk Seating Areas: Dillon Goodson reported that the Chicago Park District does not object to the final designs for the sidewalk seating area near Sheil Park on Southport. He is working with Site Design Group to complete the permit application and expects that the seating installation will be installed this summer, as long as there aren't any unforeseen delays. Streetscape Committee members asked about incorporating public WiFi into the seating arrangement and reiterated their support for this aspect of the project.
- People Spots: Dillon Goodson recapped the presentation by the Lakeview Chamber's urban planning intern in December summarizing her observations of both People Spots in 2017. He has since spoken with Chicago's Pizza and Loba Pastry + Coffee, both of which were adjacent to the People Spots last year, and they have indicated their support for having the People Spots reinstalled in front of their businesses again in 2018. Streetscape Committee members discussed the annual costs of the program, and whether permanent improvements, such as sidewalk seating or concrete bumpouts, would be more impactful. Committee members suggested that the SSA should invest additional resources into enhancing and programming the People Spots in 2018, and then revisit whether the program should continue in future years, or be replaced with long-term streetscape improvements. Committee members did not decide on 2018 locations.

#### **New Business**

- Southport Hanging Flower Baskets: Dillon Goodson reported that the Southport Neighbors Association (SNA) had approached the SSA about incorporating hanging baskets on light poles along Southport north of Addison. He shared pricing from the SSA's landscaping vendor, BrightView: \$20,240 for the delivery and installation of baskets on every pole and \$10,800 for seasonal planting. Streetscape Committee members discussed the SSA's financial contribution and whether SNA could also support the project. They asked Dillon to continue moving the conversation forward with SNA.
- Other Updates: Dillon Goodson reported on conversations with CDOT regarding the feasibility of incorporating bike lanes along Lincoln Avenue within the SSA. Committee members also discussed litter abatement, and Dillon suggested inviting Bigbelly and Cleanslate to attend future meetings to present on recommendations for improving collection efficiencies.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melissa Salvatore; meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.