

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2017, 8:00 AM

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

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: None

Staff: Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Placemaking Committee meeting minutes from December 6, 2016, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

People Spots and Sidewalk Seating

Terese McDonald stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to determine the locations of the SSA's two People Spots in 2017. Dillon Goodson summarized the conversation that occurred at the December Placemaking Committee meeting, which centered on whether People Spots should be used more to reinforce focal points or to generate activity where it's currently lacking. Lee Crandell asked members of the Committee to consider whether People Spots should be moved regularly, or whether once a successful location is identified they should be kept in place or replaced with some other long-term investment.

Committee members discussed the importance of reinstalling People Spots in the same areas of the neighborhood each year, but suggested that moving them within those areas would ensure that other businesses share in the benefit of having a People Spot directly in front. Melissa Salvatore recommended installing both People Spots on Lincoln Avenue, since the street has narrow sidewalks that cannot accommodate larger sidewalk cafes. Terese McDonald agreed, suggesting that sidewalk seating areas might work better on Southport, which has wider sidewalks. Nabil Zahrah motioned to recommend to the SSA Commission that it locate People Spots at 3114-3120 N. Lincoln Ave. and 3422 N. Lincoln Ave. in 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Nabil Zahrah asked staff to secure a landscape architecture firm to recommend readymade site furnishings for sidewalk seating areas throughout the service area. Committee members discussed a few potential locations for sidewalk seating areas, including in front of Sheil Park on Southport, on Southport north of Waveland, in the plaza at the intersection of Belmont and Southport, in the plaza at the intersection of Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont, and on Ashland just south of Roscoe. They agreed to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Public Art

Dillon Goodson presented a map of the neighborhood, showing the locations of existing public art and potential locations for new murals. Committee members discussed placing murals in high-trafficked parts of the service area and using them as photo opportunities to garner attention for the neighborhood. Terese McDonald asked the Committee to continue the conversation at its next meeting.

Landscaping and Maintenance

Dillon Goodson shared that he is working with an urban planning intern on a tree survey to determine where there is a tree deficit in the SSA service area. He also shared a list of streetscape elements in need of painting and cleaning, including street poles, bike racks, litter receptacles and other assets. Committee members asked Dillon to finalize costs and prepare a list of tree planting and streetscape maintenance projects to address in the spring.

2017 Meeting Schedule

Terese McDonald asked Committee members about their availability for future meetings. They agreed on the fourth Thursday of every month in the mornings.

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