

**Lakeview SSA 27**

Low-Line Committee Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2017, 8:00 AM

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

**Present:** Jill Heise, Matt Lederer, Erin Schwartz, Nabil Zahrah

**Absent:** Darian Campise

**Staff:** Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

**Guests:** Brandon Biederman, Sean McKay, Andrew Moddrell, Lisa Santos

Jill Heise called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the minutes from the Low-Line Committee meeting on August 23, 2017, seconded by Erin Schwartz; motion carries.

**Community Meeting Recap**

Committee members discussed the feedback that was received during the community meeting held on September 19, noting that the feedback shared by attendees was positive and the CTA's attendance and participation at the meeting was appreciated.

**Budget, Phasing and Next Steps**

PORT presented revised concept drawings incorporating community feedback and shared preliminary budget numbers and scope for the Paulina and Ashland Plazas to inform the process of bidding out aspects of the work.

For the Paulina Plaza, PORT shared a cost estimate from Landscape Forms for the fabrication of the five custom seating elements, noting that the company has a custom seating division that offers a number of advantages over their competitors. They also presented on plans for a screen to contain dumpsters in the rear of the space, and shared an estimated cost for a light diffuser canopy, which was notably higher due to the need for access in order to change light bulbs. Committee members asked PORT to consider a more affordable alternative to the canopy, possibly utilizing art, and suggested that the total cost should not exceed \$20,000. Committee members agreed that the canopy could be installed in a future year once funding was available, and that a dumpster screen might not be necessary. Jill Heise motioned to accept PORT's projected cost of \$146,247 for improvements at the Paulina Plaza, not including the light diffuser canopy or the dumpster screen, seconded by Erin Schwartz; motion carries.

For the Ashland Plazas, PORT recommended adding an additional art panel that would be rotated 90 degrees to cap off the eastern space and shorten the length of the plaza. The Committee agreed that this would not be necessary, and requested for PORT to revise the design approach to allow the pathway to continue to the alley. Matt Lederer motioned to accept PORT's projected cost of \$164,660 for improvements at the Ashland Plazas, with the changes discussed above, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; motion carries.

Committee members wrapped up their conversation by discussing whether to bid out the improvements at Paulina and Ashland with the intent of starting work at both locations simultaneously, or to phase the project, beginning with the completion of the Paulina Plaza first. Committee members agreed that PORT should proceed with preparing bid packages for both the Paulina and Ashland Plazas now to allow the SSA to have a clearer picture of the actual costs prior to making a decision about how to phase the project.

Matt Lederer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.