

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2017, 8:00 AM

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

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: Jenna Jones

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from January 27, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Sidewalk Seating Areas and People Spots

Terese McDonald introduced Jenna Jones from Site Design to provide an overview of their process for recommending readymade site furnishings for sidewalk seating areas throughout the service area. Jenna explained that Site Design would begin by taking field measurements to create base drawings at four sites within the SSA, and would compile a few different site furnishing options for the committee to consider at its March meeting. They expected to have final drawings ready by April.

Committee members discussed a few potential locations for sidewalk seating areas and agreed on the following: Sheil Park on Southport, on Southport north of Waveland, and on Ashland just south of Roscoe. They asked staff to share these locations with Site Design and recommended that the designers should select a fourth location.

Dillon Goodson updated Committee members on the permitting process for the two People Spots. He indicated that he is still awaiting letters of support from businesses at both of the proposed locations, and asked for Committee members to recommend alternatives to placing the People Spot at 3114-3120 N. Lincoln Ave. should that location not meet necessary approvals. Committee members recommended moving the People Spot in front of 3120-3126 N. Lincoln Ave. as a second option, or in front of 3100-3114 N. Lincoln Ave. as a third option.

Public Art

Dillon Goodson informed Committee members that the SSA was invited to participate in the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs' Year of Public Art Initiative. Terese McDonald commented that she thought any future murals should be utilized as a social media opportunity, encouraging pedestrians to take pictures in front of artwork. Nabil Zahrah recommended the vacant wall behind the Bank of America at 3240 N. Ashland Ave. and the facade of the CVS Pharmacy located at 3637 N. Southport Ave. as potential locations for murals. He asked staff to vet locations with businesses and property owners and to recommend a few artists at the March meeting for consideration.

Landscaping and Maintenance

Terese McDonald shared a list of streetscape elements in need of painting and cleaning. The SSA Commission previously authorized spending up to \$10,000 on various maintenance projects in 2017. Committee members recommended prioritizing painting bike racks and miscellaneous street furniture, in addition to cleaning Victor Stanley Litter receptacles, over painting street poles, which they suggested could be accomplished in a later year or as budget allows.

Dillon Goodson shared a list of potential locations for new tree pits throughout the SSA. Nabil Zahrah recommended focusing on planting trees within two or three clusters of approximately 20 trees per cluster. Luis Monje recommended planting new trees on Ashland between the new Whole Foods Market and Target as a way of encouraging pedestrian activity on the street.

Committee members considered a proposal from BrightView to maintain an above ground planter bed at the intersection of Belmont and Paulina. The proposed cost was \$6,848 to remove one diseased tree from the planter, and plant two new trees along with a mix of perennials. Dillon Goodson explained that the cost reflected the labor to remove the existing tree and its root system in order to make way for new trees. Committee members requested a revised proposal with a lower total project cost.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Terese McDonald; meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM.