

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018, 8:30 AM

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

Present: Paul Leamon, Luis Monje, Doug Zylstra

Absent: Terese McDonald, Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Blake Brown-Grigsby, Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Luis Monje called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Paul Leamon motioned to approve the minutes from April 26, 2018, seconded by Doug Zylstra; motion carries.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Landscaping: Dillon Goodson updated the Committee that summer plantings have been installed throughout the SSA, but the SSA's vendor, BrightView, is still waiting to install the hanging baskets and Southport Plaza flowers. The vendor has cautioned that some plants may initially be smaller this year due to a colder growing season.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Holiday Decorations:** Luis Monje shared that three proposals were received in response to the SSA's RFP for holiday decorations, and asked the Committee for their feedback on the proposals, which they reviewed in advance of the meeting. Committee members discussed the feasibility and impact of options that included lighting, with some uncertainty about whether the SSA's light poles or trees could be powered. Some Committee members also felt that lighting looks best at night, whereas live cut garland looks good during daytime hours, when most businesses are open. However, the Committee acknowledged that lighting could help extend business hours further into the evening. Committee members requested having all three vendors who submitted proposals present at the June Streetscape Committee meeting, and asked for staff to further investigate the feasibility of retrofitting light poles and trees with electricity.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson updated the Committee that both CVS and the property owner have signed an agreement authorizing the installation of a mural on their building, noting that this idea originated in the 2011 Lakeview Area Master Plan. He also shared that Southport Neighbors Association is still determining whether to commit to partnering on the project, and that their contribution would likely be 20% of the overall project cost. Dillon asked the Committee to consider whether to accept grant funding through the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), noting that the SSA would be required to utilize DCASE's list of prequalified artists, and that DCASE has suggested that grant funding can take a while to process. Committee members were concerned about delaying the project and agreed that the SSA should not pursue DCASE funding. They ended by discussing their vision for the mural, suggesting it should be interactive, inviting pedestrians to take pictures in front of it and play around it. The Committee also felt like they should review artists submissions from everywhere, but that there

should be a strong preference for selecting a local artist. Dillon asked Committee members to revisit the SSA's 2018 artist list, including artists who were recommended at the April Streetscape Committee meeting.

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Committee members reviewed Site Design's initial drawings for a second sidewalk seating area near the CVS on Southport, and shared the following feedback:
 - Overall, Committee members liked Option #2, and thought it was important for the seating elements to be grouped together.
 - They acknowledged that it probably isn't necessary to include a painted sidewalk art motif with the design, since there will be a mural on the adjacent wall at CVS.
 - Committee members discussed whether the Divvy station could be shifted slightly south allowing the sidewalk seating area to sit adjacent to the mural.
 - There was some conversation about whether tables could be incorporated into the design to provide people who grab food from the food trucks or adjacent restaurants with a surface for eating.
- **People Spots:** Dillon Goodson updated the Streetscape Committee on planned road work along Lincoln Avenue, saying that CDOT has delayed the planned resurfacing of Lincoln Avenue north of Belmont until the end of August. He noted that this would affect the installation of the People Spot on the 3400 block of N. Lincoln Ave. since it would be costly to remove the People Spot mid-season and reinstall it after the road work is complete. Committee members discussed different options for the installation of this People Spot, including possibly relocating it where it would not be impacted by road construction. Committee members were concerned that relocating this People Spot might delay its installation indefinitely, since CDOT would require new drawings and letters of support. Luis Monje motioned to recommend moving forward with current plans to install the People Spot on the 3400 block of N. Lincoln Ave. either before Lincoln Avenue is resurfaced or afterwards, depending on whether the road work remains on-schedule, seconded by Doug Zylstra; motion carries. Dillon suggested that the SSA Commission should review this decision at their June meeting, but that he would go ahead and inform CDOT now so they can prepare final permits, allowing both People Spots to move forward.

Next Meeting Date

- Committee members agreed to move the next Streetscape Committee meeting a week earlier, to Thursday, June 21 at 8:30 AM.

Adjourn

Paul Leamon motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doug Zylstra; meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.