

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2017, 8:00 AM

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

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore

Absent: Nabil Zahrah

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: Brenda Kiesgen (by phone)

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Luis Monje motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from April 27, 2017, seconded by Melissa Salvatore; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Terese McDonald introduced Brenda Kiesgen from Site Design, who presented the latest drawings for the sidewalk seating area outside Sheil Park. The Committee discussed materials and agreed on a slate color for the benches to accent the wood. Brenda Kiesgen presented a recommended pattern for a sidewalk art motif and asked for the Committee's input. Committee members discussed the density and texture of the pattern and whether it could spill onto the facade of Sheil Park, which some Committee members liked. There was agreement that the colors should be muted with blue accents. Brenda Kiesgen shared that the total project cost was estimated between \$22,000-25,000, but that the cost could be reduced if fewer seating elements were implemented. Committee members asked to have the project implementation phased over two years instead of three. Brenda Kiesgen said she would prepare a presentation for Chicago Park District Review. Terese McDonald reminded the Committee that three other locations in addition to Sheil Park were being considered, and said she would like to prioritize another sidewalk seating area further north on Southport in front of Blaine Elementary School once the sidewalk seating area outside Sheil Park is completed.
- **People Spots:** Dillon Goodson updated the Committee on construction projects that have delayed the installation of both People Spots. He shared that the City had not provided a timeline or details regarding the proposed water main project that could impact the People Spot at 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave. or prohibit it from being installed, and asked the Committee to consider whether an alternate location should be explored. Committee members discussed that there are not many viable alternatives due to other construction projects and weighed the cost of investing in a People Spot. Luis Monje motioned to keep the People Spot located at 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave., seconded by Terese McDonald; motion carries 2-1. Dillon Goodson added that the painted bumpouts at the Lincoln Hub and other elements of the Lincoln Avenue Placemaking Project could also be affected by the construction, and said he would keep the Committee updated.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson updated the Committee on progress securing locations for public art in the neighborhood, focusing on the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building located at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont and the facade of CVS Pharmacy on Southport. Committee members

agreed that the murals could be sponsored, but added that the artwork should stand alone with sponsor recognition executed tastefully. Dillon Goodson noted that some upfront expenses might be necessary in order to seek property owner approval, such as commissioning artists to create concepts scaled to fit the proposed walls.

- **Public Wi-Fi:** Dillon Goodson presented a solution for free public Wi-Fi at neighborhood focal points and SSA-sponsored public spaces. The Committee discussed how offering Wi-Fi as a free public amenity could encourage people to linger longer in the neighborhood while allowing the SSA to learn where visitors to public spaces are coming from. They suggested that a hotspot could be piloted in conjunction with new sidewalk seating areas. Melissa Salvatore motioned to spend an estimated \$3,164.35 to pilot one Wi-Fi hotspot for 12 months outside Sheil Park, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Streetscape Maintenance

- **Southport Plaza Bird Deterrent:** Dillon Goodson shared a proposal for deterring pigeons from roosting in the Southport Plaza space, which creates waste. The vendor, Wild Goose Chase, Inc., recommends installing a combination of bird netting and spikes beneath the CTA platform and tracks, which is estimated to cost \$6,625. The Committee discussed the proposal and deferred action to the SSA Commission.

Announcements

- Dillon Goodson shared a final list of locations for new tree planting and shared that the project was expected to proceed in the next couple weeks.

Melissa Salvatore motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:29 AM.