

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

June 22, 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: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from May 25, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Terese McDonald shared the latest drawings for the seating area outside Sheil Park and asked Committee members to consider the sidewalk paint treatment, and whether any paint should spill onto the facade of the Park District building. Committee members determined that the paint should be confined to the sidewalk and not include the facade of the building. Committee discussed which colors should be incorporated into the sidewalk art motif and potential maintenance issues associated with painting the sidewalk, deferring any decisions to a future meeting. Committee members asked staff to work with the Chicago Park District to determine whether a mural could be installed in the windows of Sheil Park to beautify the facade and attract attention for that stretch of Southport. Dillon Goodson shared a cost for Site Design to complete additional sidewalk seating area drawings for three other locations, which he estimated at \$1,750. Committee members agreed that a sidewalk seating area outside Blaine Elementary School should be prioritized as the only other location, which would reduce the cost of the drawings. Committee members looked at a few potential sites around Blaine Elementary School for the second sidewalk seating area location and indicated their preference for a portion of the sidewalk north of Grace on Southport adjacent to Blaine Field. Dillon said he would share the proposal for the Sheil Park sidewalk seating area with the Chicago Park District and would ask Site Design to start working on drawings for the second location outside Blaine Elementary School based on the Committee's feedback.
- **People Spots:** Dillon Goodson updated the Committee on the installation of the People Spots and asked Committee members to consider whether the People Spot locations would be moving in 2018. Committee members decided they would consider 2018 locations based on the success of the People Spots in 2017 and asked staff to conduct site observations and prepare a presentation for discussion in the fall. Dillon shared that CDOT estimated the cost of a 40 ft. permanent concrete sidewalk bumpout at approximately \$20-50,000, and suggested that this could be a good permanent solution for places where People Spots are proven to be successful. Committee members agreed.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson shared that he spoke with the property owners and a tenant of the property located at approximately 3241 N. Lincoln Ave., which includes the south-facing wall of

the XSport Fitness building, and that he was putting together a proposal for a mural on this wall. Committee members discussed whether one of the tenants would be willing to contribute funding to offset costs associated with the initial installation of the mural, and asked to include this request in the proposal. Dillon suggested that ongoing maintenance of the mural would be necessary to ensure that any graffiti is removed and the trees remain at their current height to ensure visibility of the mural, but that the costs should be nominal compared to the initial installation. Committee members reviewed artist submissions that were preselected by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events through their Year of Public Art initiative, and chose the following artists to be considered for the mural: Don't Fret, Anthony Lewellen, Joseph Perez, JC Rivera, Justus Roe and Vanessa Sanchez. Dillon said he would get feedback from the building stakeholders and ask two or three of these artists to submit proposals for the Committee to consider. Committee members discussed how to engage the public in the design of the mural and determined that the design should be unveiled once finalized by the artist.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Lincoln Hub Maintenance: Dillon Goodson asked Committee members to consider a maintenance plan for the Lincoln Hub intersection going forward, citing approximately \$4,500 in annual costs per year to clean and seal the bumpouts. Committee members agreed that the SSA should continue to keep the space clean and well-maintained and that the conversation should continue in the fall.

Announcements

- Dillon Goodson shared that approximately 30 trees had been planted throughout the SSA, bringing the total number of new trees funded by the SSA in the past year to 60. He shared that Friends of Lakeview, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was taking requests for trees to be planted on residential streets outside the boundaries of the SSA.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melissa Salvatore; meeting adjourned at 9:04 AM.