

## **Lakeview SSA 27**

Commission Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2018, 8:30 AM

Sheil Park, 3505 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

**Present:** Jason Aragon, Darian Campise, Paul Leamon, Matt Lederer, Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Amy Novotny, Erin Schwartz, Chuck Stewart, Doug Zylstra

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

**Guests:** Doug Havrilla, Lisa Santos

### **Call to Order**

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Matt Lederer motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the SSA Commission meeting on May 7, 2018, seconded by Chuck Stewart; motion carries.

### **Security Rebate Pilot Program**

Commissioners discussed the SSA's six-month extension of the Security Rebate Pilot Program and noted that there had been one more application and a couple more inquiries about the program since it was extended in January. They recommended continued promotion of the program to neighborhood associations and community groups. Matt Lederer motioned to end the pilot and extend the program indefinitely, seconded by Doug Zylstra; motion carries. Dillon Goodson said he would drop the word "pilot" from the application and guidelines and continue promoting the program.

### **Low-Line Committee Report**

- **Paulina Plaza Murals:** Darian Campise and Erin Schwartz shared that a total of eight artists and arts organizations submitted site-specific concepts for three Low-Line murals at the Paulina Plaza, and asked the Commission for their feedback on the concepts, which were shared prior to the meeting. Commissioners discussed the submissions and their recommendations, citing the need for eye-catching artwork that meets the SSA's goals for public art, and suggested that they should also select runners up in case there are any issues with the preferred artists or their availability. They also asked for artists to agree to a set fee for any repairs to the artwork, including to remove graffiti. Darian Campise motioned to approve concepts by the following artists with a total budget for all three murals not to exceed \$30,000, seconded by Erin Schwartz; motion carries:
  - Wall 1: Lauren Asta (preferred artist); Yollocalli or Tony Passero (runners up)
  - Wall 2: JC Rivera (preferred artist); Amuse126 (runner up)
  - Wall 3: Yollocalli Arts Reach (preferred artist); Tony Passero (runner up)

- Darian Campise and Dillon Goodson reported that construction was beginning on the Low-Line Plazas at Paulina and Ashland, and that work would continue through summer. Dillon said that he would coordinate with the selected artists for the installation of their artwork to begin in July.

### **Streetscape Committee Report**

- **Holiday Decorations:** Luis Monje updated Commissioners that the Streetscape Committee reviewed three proposals that were submitted in response to the SSA's RFP for 2018 holiday decorations, and shared their request for prospective vendors to submit enhanced decor options for three focal points within the SSA: Southport Corridor, Lincoln Hub and Paulina Station. A vendor recommendation has not yet been reached, and Luis mentioned that the prospective vendors were invited to present on their proposals at the June Streetscape Committee meeting.
- **People Spots:** Luis Monje recapped the latest news from CDOT and the 47th Ward that the planned resurfacing of Lincoln Avenue north of Belmont has been delayed 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., and shared the Streetscape Committee's recommendation that this People Spot should be installed depending on when Lincoln Avenue is resurfaced, most likely after the resurfacing is complete. Commissioners discussed the expense to remove and reinstall a People Spot mid-season, and agreed that this would be cost-prohibitive. Commissioners did not express any concerns with the Streetscape Committee's recommendation for the People Spot on the 3400 block of N. Lincoln Ave. to be installed after road work is complete, and asked for the other People Spot on the 3100 block of N. Lincoln Ave. to be installed as soon as possible.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Matt Lederer shared the SSA's financials through April. He presented a proposed 2018 Budget & Work Plan Amendment, which would allow the SSA to utilize additional carry-over funds in 2018, and the 2019 Draft Budget & Work Plan. He reminded Commissioners that the June Commission meeting would be the last chance for anyone to request revisions to either of these budgets.

- **2018 Budget & Work Plan Amendment:** Matt Lederer reported that a proposed amendment to the 2018 Budget & Work Plan would allow the SSA to utilize approximately \$85,436 in additional carry-over funds in 2018, and that this would be necessary to complete the Low-Line plazas since this funding could not be spent in previous years as allocated due to unanticipated delays with the project. Paul Leamon motioned to approve the amended budget, seconded by Matt Lederer; motion carries.
- **2019 Draft Budget & Work Plan:** Matt Lederer reported on the recommended 2019 Draft Budget & Work Plan, noting significant changes year-over-year. He commented that the largest increase in 2.05 Streetscape Elements is due to ongoing work to complete new Low-Line Plazas. Commissioners discussed an idea to reduce the SSA's costs related to litter abatement by making the level of service proportional to need, with some Commissioners feeling that this service should be provided more equitably throughout the entire SSA. This issue was left unresolved, but Streetscape Committee members agreed to discuss it further while preparing the SSA's RFP for litter abatement services later in 2018. Citing \$15,000 set aside in the draft budget for the creation of new events in 2019, Commissioners also revisited some of the community

programming ideas they proposed in May and suggested that the Commission should finalize plans later this year with guidance from the SSA's Community Events & Placemaking Support Program Task Force. Matt Lederer motioned to accept the 2019 Draft Budget & Work Plan as-is, seconded by Erin Schwartz; motion carries with one opposed. Matt said he would work with staff to finalize the budget with the revised EAV figures once they are released in June.

### **Staff Report**

- **SSA Policies & Procedures:** Terese McDonald and Dillon Goodson highlighted some of the policies that govern the SSA, including the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the City of Chicago Ethics Ordinance, and SSA 27's procurement and bookkeeping procedures. They recommended for all Commissioners to stay familiar with these policies and procedures throughout their tenure, and reminded new Commissioners of their obligation to take the required Illinois Open Meetings Act online training.
- Dillon Goodson reported that the sidewalk seating area near Sheil Park on Southport would be installed by early July, weather permitting, and noted that minor changes to the painted sidewalk art motif might be necessary. He also shared that an agreement had been signed between the property owner of the Southport CVS, the CVS corporation, and the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce allowing a mural on the west-facing facade of their building, and that Southport Neighbors Association had agreed to fund 20% of the mural up to \$5,000.

### **Adjourn**

Matt Lederer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chuck Stewart; meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM.