

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2018, 8:30 AM

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

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje

Absent: Paul Leamon, Melissa Salvatore, Doug Zylstra

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Luis Monje noted that a quorum was not present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Action deferred to the next meeting.

Streetscape Maintenance

- **Litter Abatement:** Committee members reviewed findings from a survey conducted of litter abatement in other SSAs and explored ways to increase the efficiency of service in SSA 27. Committee members discussed how the SSA's Big Belly units are getting older and may require additional maintenance, and that replacing them with standard litter receptacles might help decrease ongoing costs. They also recommended better enforcement of city ordinances that require sidewalk cafes to provide their own litter receptacles, and how City and SSA-owned receptacles could be relocated to other locations within the neighborhood to reduce redundancies. Finally, Committee members inquired about whether the City's Department of Streets & Sanitation could assume responsibility for emptying litter receptacles within the SSA. They asked staff to explore this possibility with Aldermen and the Department of Streets & Sanitation.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Holiday Decorations:** Committee members discussed the proposals that were submitted in response to the SSA's RFP for holiday decorations, and summarized additional feedback they received from the vendors since the June meeting. Committee members liked the idea of installing a holiday tree in a prominent location at the Lincoln Hub intersection and suggested that the SSA could host a community tree lighting event with participation from local businesses. They also recommended installing garland on light poles throughout the SSA, and possibly including new "shop local" messaging on street pole banners, although Dillon Goodson cautioned that new banners might not be feasible depending on the budget. With no quorum, Luis Monje said that he would recommend Southport Construction before the SSA Commission at its August meeting. Terese McDonald did not provide a vendor recommendation.
- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Committee members reviewed drawings from Site Design for a proposed second sidewalk seating area near the Southport CVS at 3637 N. Southport Ave. They liked how the the seating was clustered together in front of the future mural, but did not think it was necessary to include tables. They preferred using the existing Vector bench system from Forms+Surfaces as a unifying element across similar public spaces within the SSA. Action deferred to the next meeting.

- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson reminded Committee members that artist proposals were due soon for the Southport CVS mural, and that SSA Commissioners would have the opportunity to select an artist at the August Commission meeting.
- **Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina Bump-Outs:** Dillon Goodson shared images of new concrete sidewalk “bump-out” extensions created by CDOT near the intersection of Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina and noted their proximity to the new Paulina Plaza Low-Line space. Committee members liked the idea of activating these spaces with seating, public art and landscaping elements and discussed how it would be important for colors and materials to match the Paulina Plaza in order to tie the spaces together. Committee members seemed split on whether to utilize the same Vector benches that were installed near Sheil Park, or whether movable bistro tables and chairs would be a better fit for this location. Action deferred to the next meeting.

Announcements

Dillon Goodson updated Committee members that CDOT is now expecting the road work along Lincoln Avenue north of Belmont to wrap up in late August or early September, and that this would impact the installation of the People Spot on the 3400 block of Lincoln Ave. Committee members shared their frustration with the construction delays and indicated that it wouldn't make sense to install the People Spot this year if it would only be usable for a little more than a month.

Adjourn

Meeting concluded at 9:40 AM.