

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2017, 8:00 AM

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

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:23 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Luis Monje motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from June 22, 2017, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Terese McDonald shared drawings for the second sidewalk seating area outside Blaine Elementary School. She suggested that the seating area should be moved further south on Southport, near the corner of Southport and Grace between the light post and utility boxes, so that it is better connected to nearby businesses and in closer proximity to the school building. Committee members agreed, and asked staff to commission Site Design to create a new drawing set for submission with the grant of privilege permit application. They also discussed painting the utility boxes to create another visual draw. Committee members then discussed the sidewalk paint treatment at Sheil Park, which would also be utilized in the seating area by Blaine Elementary School. Upon reviewing initial proposals from one of the SSA's vendors, they discussed ways to reduce the cost to around \$5,000 by simplifying the design to reduce the labor or by using a more temporary paint. Committee members agreed that the sidewalk art motif was integral to the seating areas and that the project should not proceed without painted sidewalks. Finally, Committee members asked for Site Design to remove the modular planters from the drawings and look into standard concrete planters instead. After the Committee was finished discussing sidewalk seating areas, Luis Monje mentioned that the People Spots needed more shade and suggested that umbrellas could be purchased. Dillon Goodson said he would consult CDOT to see whether this would be possible for 2017, given the existing Use Agreement.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson updated Committee members on the status of the mural opportunity at approximately 3241 N. Lincoln Ave., which includes the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont, and a second mural opportunity in the windows of Sheil Park. The Committee indicated their preference for artwork that possibly includes some social commentary, highlighting the diversity of Chicago and incorporating imagery from around Lakeview. Dillon Goodson shared that, in addition to reaching out to local artists via the Year of Public Art submissions, he was also speaking with Chicago Sister Cities International about a potential collaboration with an international artist based outside of Chicago.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Tree Planting & Tree Care: Dillon Goodson shared a list of outstanding tree planting locations within the SSA and asked for the Committee's input on which locations should be prioritized, given the remaining budget. Nabil Zahrah said that the SSA should plant trees in all of the locations remaining on the list and could reallocate funding within the budget as necessary. Committee members agreed. Dillon estimated that the remaining trees would be planted in October or November of 2017.

Announcements

- Nabil Zahrah continued a conversation from the recent SSA Commission meeting about the Milwaukee Avenue streetscape project, and requested to have CDOT present on the project and discuss the potential of implementing similar bicycle infrastructure improvements on Lincoln Avenue. Dillon Goodson shared that CDOT had been invited and would be attending the September SSA Commission meeting.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.