

Lakeview SSA 27

Low-Line Committee Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2017, 8:00 AM

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

Present: Darian Campise, Jill Heise, Matt Lederer, Erin Schwartz (by phone), Nabil Zahrah

Staff: Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

Guests: Andrew Moddrell

Jill Heise called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the minutes from the Low-Line Committee meeting on May 17, 2017, seconded by Darian Campise; motion carries.

Low-Line Project Update

Dillon Goodson provided an update on recent conversations with the CTA and Aldermen about the Low-Line, and reported that project stakeholders had provided enough feedback to schedule a second community meeting. Andrew Moddrell from PORT presented on changes to the design concepts for the Southport art partitions, and new plaza spaces at Ashland and Paulina, since the Committee last met. Committee members agreed that one artist should be asked to paint all four art panels, and offered to review potential artists to provide feedback. They also discussed design challenges with Ashland and Paulina, including lack of existing access to electricity and mitigating the potential for falling debris, and asked PORT about potential design solutions. Finally, PORT shared a draft budget and phasing strategies for both plazas, noting that they would cost approximately \$350,000, subject to change.

Committee members then discussed a phasing approach for the project and coordination on future phases with Friends of Lakeview, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit partner organization. Some members of the Committee suggested they did not think the SSA's Low-Line Committee should be concerned with the non-SSA portions of the overall Low-Line project since these portions are not located within the SSA's service area. Other Committee members expressed different opinions, stressing the importance of coordinating efforts with Friends of Lakeview on the broader vision while emphasizing which portions the SSA is responsible for. The Committee agreed on ways to emphasize the plazas at Ashland and Paulina, while recognizing that the design of Ashland could serve as a prototypical example for future Low-Line development along non-SSA path segments.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adopt a phasing strategy that focuses on simultaneously improving both sides of Ashland and the Paulina Plaza at once, seconded by Darian Campise; motion carries.

Community Meeting

Committee members agreed that the next community meeting should be held on either September 19 or September 26, 6-8 PM.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darian Campise; meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.