

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 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 8:11 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Luis Monje motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from July 27, 2017, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Terese McDonald updated Committee members on a recent conversation with the Chicago Park District and Alderman Tunney's office regarding the sidewalk seating area outside Sheil Park, during which the stakeholders recommended a few changes to the configuration of the benches and asked for the design of the sidewalk art motif to be simplified. The Committee discussed whether removing the sidewalk art motif entirely would be necessary based on their feedback; some Committee members expressed support for this, while others shared that they thought the art was integral to the overall design of the seating area. No consensus was reached, with Committee members agreeing that Site Design should share another round of revisions for consideration first. Finally, Dillon Goodson reminded Committee members that permitting for the project would take a few months, and that it was likely that it wouldn't be possible to execute in 2017. Committee members understood and said that the funding could be rolled into 2018.
- **People Spots:** Committee members shared feedback on the 2017 People Spot locations, including continuing a discussion about whether umbrellas could be added to provide more shade for pedestrians. Dillon Goodson shared that the addition of umbrellas would not be possible this year due to umbrellas not being included in the Use Agreement with CDOT, but that this change could be considered for 2018. Some committee members also commented that the bench outside 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave. is more effective as an art installation than as a seat, and that perhaps it could be replaced with tables and chairs in the future. Committee members also revisited a previous conversation about concrete bumpouts that would extend into the parking lane as a permanent substitute for People Spots, and asked Chamber staff to discuss the feasibility with CDOT and Aldermen.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson updated Committee members on the mural opportunity at approximately 3241 N. Lincoln Ave., which includes the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont. The property owner and tenants indicated their preference for two artists on the Committee's original list of preferred artists, Anthony Lewellen and Justus Roe. Dillon said that both artists are in the process of developing concepts, which would be available for the Commission to review and vote upon at the September meeting. He estimated

that the total cost of the project paid for by the SSA would be approximately \$15,000, including a stipend for the artist and the cost of equipment to install the artwork, but that the property owner is funding tuckpointing to prepare the site. Committee members said that the original list of preferred artists not selected for this mural should be considered for other murals elsewhere in the neighborhood, including the west-facing wall of the CVS on Southport and walls further south on Lincoln Avenue. Dillon shared that he was continuing the conversation with Chicago Sister Cities International about sponsoring an international artist to install his or her work in Lakeview, although they were not interested in partnering for the Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont mural in 2017.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Litter Abatement and Graffiti Removal: Dillon Goodson shared a summary of reports from Cleanslate, the SSA's litter abatement vendor. Over the past year, Cleanslate's crew members have emptied nearly 14,000 bags of trash and recycling from the SSA's litter receptacles, and since the beginning of 2017, removed more than 1,500 graffiti tags. He also shared a map showing hot spots, or litter receptacles identified by Cleanslate as typically full or mostly full upon collection. Nabil Zahrah suggested that the SSA should reduce the overall number of litter receptacles within the district and work with individual business owners, especially cafes and take-out restaurants that generate a lot of waste, to ensure that they are providing an adequate number of private receptacles for their customers. Committee members suggested piloting the removal of a couple litter receptacles in hot spots later this year before determining whether this change should be implemented throughout the entire SSA. They also suggested that graffiti removal services should be reconsidered during the next contract bidding cycle.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; meeting adjourned at 9:12 AM.