

Lakeview SSA 27

Commission Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016, 8:30 AM

St. Luke, 1500 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

Present: Darian Campise, Matt Lederer, Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Melissa Salvatore, Chuck Stewart, Jeremy Wechsler, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Colleen Daley, Jill Heise, Erin Schwartz

Staff: Lee Crandell, Dillon Goodson

Guests: Rebecca Girsch

Nabil Zahrah called the meeting to order at 8:44 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Matt Lederer motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 11, 2016, seconded by Terese McDonald; motion carries.

Presentation by the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

Nabil Zahrah introduced Rebecca Girsch, President of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Rebecca read the Chamber's mission and presented on the Chamber's focus areas, explaining how the Chamber and SSA's missions are aligned, and how by sharing costs and resources they can both achieve their shared goals more efficiently and effectively. Lee Crandell explained that some costs, such as those related to overhead and administration, are shared according to the SSA's cost allocation plan, but noted that the Chamber is only paid on a reimbursement basis for these expenses and does not profit from them. The Chamber receives other funding from membership, event revenue, sponsorship and a City of Chicago Neighborhood Business Development Center (NBDC) grant. Melissa Salvatore asked for the Chamber to consider holding an annual joint meeting with the SSA Commission.

Lincoln Avenue Placemaking

Dillon Goodson shared that the Bureau of Forestry has offered to install new tree pits and plant trees on Lincoln Ave. between Wellington and Barry this November with funding from the SSA. The total cost to the SSA should not exceed \$1,000 per tree pit, and Dillon has been working with local businesses to identify locations that are suitable for trees. Darian Campise motioned to authorize the SSA to spend \$30,000 with the Bureau of Forestry's contractor, 7-D Construction, to install new tree pits and plant approximately 20 new trees, seconded by Melissa Salvatore; motion carries.

2017-18 Litter Abatement Proposals

Dillon Goodson shared that four proposals were received in response to an RFP for litter abatement and graffiti removal services for 2017 and 2018. Commissioners received copies of the proposals prior to the meeting. Jeremy Wechsler motioned to approve a contract with Cleanslate for \$91,950.00 in 2017 and \$96,200.00 in 2018, seconded by Chuck Stewart; motion carries.

Facade Improvement Program

- 2818 N. Lincoln Ave.: dSPACE STUDIO LTD submitted a rebate request for exterior facade improvements including replacing the worn-out storefront glass; adding signage, window graphics, and lighting; and restoring the vintage masonry. The total project cost is \$37,506.35, and the project is eligible to receive a maximum rebate of \$10,000. Nabil Zahrah noted that the Facade Improvement Program guidelines give preference to businesses who have not previously received funding, and that dSPACE had applied and successfully received a rebate from the SSA in 2013. Terese McDonald motioned to provide no rebate for the project, seconded by Jeremy Wechsler; motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Chuck Stewart reported on the 2016 financials through July.

Staff Report

Dillon Goodson shared the scorecard. He invited Commissioners to attend upcoming community programs and asked for feedback on a design study prepared by Latent Design for the Low-Line Plaza.

Safety Program

Dillon Goodson shared that he has been meeting with local community members and exploring examples of successful safety programs in Chicago and other cities. Based on this research, he shared a list of ideas for the SSA to consider, which includes: surveying street conditions to identify and repair broken street infrastructure; surveying public and private security systems to identify the areas of greatest need; developing an educational campaign with neighborhood watch signage to unite businesses and share best practices; exploring apps that employees and residents within the SSA could utilize to deter criminals and alert authorities of problems; and, providing rebates for SSA properties who install security cameras. Matt Lederer motioned to utilize \$2,500 in the 2016 SSA budget for Safety Programs to survey existing conditions and pilot a security camera rebate limited to 50% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$500, seconded by Darian Campise; motion carries.

Adjourn

Matt Lederer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeremy Wechsler; meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.