

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2018, 8:30 AM

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

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Chuck Stewart

Absent: Paul Leamon, Doug Zylstra

Staff: Dillon Goodson, Luke Miller

Guests: None

Call to Order

Luis Monje called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Terese McDonald motioned to approve the minutes from August 23, 2018, seconded by Chuck Stewart; motion carries.

Streetscape Maintenance

- **2019-20 Litter Abatement Services:** The Committee reviewed four proposals that prospective vendors submitted in response to the SSA's RFP for Litter Abatement Services in 2019-20. Committee members evaluated the proposals based on a number of factors, including whether the companies were able to propose creative solutions for increasing the efficiency of litter abatement within the SSA, and whether they had previous experience working with SSAs. The Committee asked to meet with Cleanslate and Cleanstreet to learn more about their services prior to making a decision. They also revisited previous conversations about reducing the SSA's share of neighborhood litter collection.
- **Tree Care & Tree Planting:** The Lakeview Chamber's urban planning intern Luke Miller provided an overview of a tree survey he recently completed within SSA 27. He reported more than 60 sites where either the health of existing trees was in jeopardy, or where sidewalks were wide enough to allow for planting new trees. The Committee suggested that the SSA should prioritize replacing dead or dying trees this fall, beginning with those that are still under warranty and then submitting an order for out-of-warranty replacements. They also discussed launching an "Adopt a Tree" program that would ask local businesses and residents to help water and care for trees located immediately in front of their properties, noting how challenging weather conditions can negatively impact younger trees. Finally, Committee members reviewed a plan to explore heavy-duty plastic tree grates that are more affordable than traditional metal grates, and recommended trying them out at a couple locations this winter to determine whether they would be suitable for implementation throughout the entire SSA.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Holiday Decorations:** Luis Monje presented the finalized scope of vendor Southport Construction's proposal for holiday decor throughout SSA 27, which he noted reflects past conversations within the Streetscape Committee and SSA Commission and includes street pole decorations and a holiday tree at the intersection of Lincoln/Southport/Wellington. Committee members reviewed ribbon options for the street poles and agreed on a silver perforated bow

with a light silver ribbon underneath. Dillon Goodson followed up on the Committee's previous request to have the holiday tree located on the patio of St. Alphonsus Church at the intersection of Lincoln/Southport/Wellington and shared that he was working with the Church to locate drawings for the patio so a licensed engineer could evaluate its structural integrity. The Committee reiterated its interest in having the tree located on the patio so it could be more easily viewed from a distance, but suggested that having the tree sit on the sidewalk just north of the patio on Church property would be acceptable if necessary. Chuck Stewart motioned to approve the finalized scope of the SSA's holiday decor plans as presented, seconded by Terese McDonald; motion carries.

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** The Committee reviewed plans from Site Design for a second sidewalk seating area near CVS on the 3600 block of N. Southport Ave. They liked how the proposed benches were from the same family of "Vector" site furnishings that was used for the sidewalk seating area near Sheil Park and thought an option that includes seatbacks could provide additional comfort that encourages more people to utilize the space. They did not want proceed with an alternate plan that also included tables. Terese McDonald motioned for Site Design to finalize their drawings based on the Committee's input, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries. Next, the Committee revisited previous discussions about two new curb extensions near the intersection of Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina that CDOT created as part of their recent road work. For the curb extension on the north, which is located directly across from the Paulina Plaza, Committee members indicated they would like to see a third sidewalk seating area utilizing Vector benches, landscaping elements, and possibly public art. They stated that it was important for the space to feel visually connected to the Paulina Plaza, and that perhaps both spaces could be used by pedestrians enjoying takeout food from local businesses or food trucks. Chuck Stewart motioned to have the Chamber prepare a draft of plans for the space that the Streetscape Committee could review, seconded by Terese McDonald; motion carries.
- **Public Art:** The Committee continued its conversation about the new curb extensions near the intersection of Lincoln/Roscoe/Paulina. They liked the idea of installing a sculpture on the south curb extension located next to Starbucks, and Dillon Goodson suggested that artist Christopher Newman's Leap Frog Bridge artwork, which is owned by the SSA, could work here with the installation of a steel base. Terese McDonald motioned to relocate Leap Frog Bridge to the south curb extension, seconded by Chuck Stewart; motion carries. The Committee finished by discussing other active public art projects throughout the SSA.

Announcements

Dillon Goodson shared that the November and December Streetscape Committee meetings would need to be rescheduled due to the holidays.

Adjourn

Chuck Stewart motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.