

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

September 28, 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, Renee Wah

Guests: Brenda Kiesgen (by phone), Julia Mickelson, Chloe Milstein

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:21 AM.

Public Comment

Chloe Milstein, a local resident and member of the Southport Neighbors Association, introduced herself.

Julia Mickelson, a resident, introduced herself.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Luis Monje motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from August 24, 2017, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Brenda Kiesgen from Site Design joined by phone to share the latest drawings for the proposed sidewalk seating area outside Sheil Park. She noted that the sidewalk art motif had been simplified and reflected a blue and green color palette based on Park District input; the benches were reconfigured with shorter segments; and modular planters were removed in favor of 36" standalone planters. She asked for the Committee's feedback on the revised drawings, including four different sidewalk art pattern options. The Committee agreed that Pattern C was the preferred option for the sidewalk art motif and requested a final draft of the drawings to be shared with the Chicago Park District. Dillon Goodson also presented early drawings for a window mural, which were completed by artist George Berlin, and asked for the Committee's feedback on two different design options. There was support for both options. The Committee discussed how the design elements in Concept 2 do a better job of filling the windows, but also indicated that they liked how elements in Concept 1 carried over from one window to the next, making the entire facade feel more cohesive. They asked for the artist to make sure the content of the mural reflected the activities that take place inside the Chicago Park District building, and also agreed that the artist could have more flexibility to incorporate additional colors into the designs, in addition to the primary shades of blue and green that are also being used within the sidewalk art motif. Finally, Dillon reported on a preliminary meeting he held with Blaine Elementary School officials to discuss the feasibility of a second sidewalk seating area at the intersection of Southport and Grace. He shared initial feedback and concerns conveyed by the officials, and said that they were seeking additional input from a couple of their school committees before they could indicate whether they could be supportive of the idea.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson reported that the property owner of the building located at approximately 3241 N. Lincoln Ave., which includes the south-facing wall of the XSport Fitness building at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont, had approved a revised concept from artist Anthony Lewellen, titled "Lake View." He shared that the artist was expecting to begin installation of the mural the weekend of October 7, and that it would take an estimated 3-4 weeks to complete, weather permitting. He asked for the Committee's feedback on options for recognizing the SSA's

sponsorship of the mural. Committee members discussed whether the artist could paint a credit line at the top left of the wall. Dillon said he would work with the artist to evaluate different options for legibility, and to determine whether the artist would be able to paint a credit line, or whether an alternate location and approach would be necessary.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Litter Receptacles: Based on the Committee's input in August that they would like to pilot the removal of a few litter receptacles within the SSA, Dillon Goodson shared the locations of litter receptacles that could potentially be removed. He indicated that he prioritized receptacles located near businesses that generate significant amounts of private waste, including takeout restaurants and cafes. Committee members suggested a couple more locations, but agreed with the list shared by Dillon. Dillon said that the Department of Streets and Sanitation would need to approve the removal of the litter receptacles, since many of the receptacles were originally purchased by them, and that he would reach out to begin the conversation.

Announcements

- Dillon Goodson shared the following announcements:
 - Staff is working with the Bureau of Forestry on a fall tree planting project, which will include the installation of new tree pits in sidewalk cutouts and the replacement of dead trees throughout the SSA. Approximately \$15,000 remains in the Landscaping budget for this work. Nabil Zahrah suggested that the SSA Commission should consider allocating unspent funds at the end of 2017 towards tree pruning.
 - The SSA's two-year contract with Dad's Home Services to provide holiday decorations throughout the SSA is entering its second year. Dillon asked the Committee whether they wanted to request any changes to the decorations in 2017. Committee members agreed that the 2016 display was well-executed and could be replicated again this holiday season. Dillon also shared that approximately \$500 would be spent piloting solar-powered string lights around poles at the Lincoln Hub intersection to see whether these lights could eventually be deployed throughout the entire SSA in future years.
 - A local artist previously identified by the Streetscape Committee through the Year of Public Art's 50x50 Neighborhood Arts Program applications is interested in activating a few vacant storefronts at the Lincoln Hub as part of POP, the SSA's pop-up storefront program. Staff is also speaking with the artist about completing a mural at the Lincoln Hub as part of this partnership.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM.