

Special Service Area #61
SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes
Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Present: Anthony Beach, Greg Guttman, Angie Marks, Charles Newsome, James Nurss, Mary Rogel, George Rumsey, Eric Thompson, and Wendy Williams

Absent: Shaka Mitchell and Nancy Stanek

Also Present: Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager), Diane Burnham (SECC Executive Director), JoAnn Newsome (SECC), Sue Freehling (SECC), Isaac Greene (Accountant), Rev. Charlene Hill (Guest) and Karen Forte (DPD)

A quorum being present, Chairman Guttman called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 11:05am. Pursuant to the applicable law and his determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical nor prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, this meeting was conducted by videoconference. The meeting was recorded and is available at <http://www.downtownhydeparkchicago.com/> and on YouTube.

Reading/Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the June 28th SSA meeting were accepted as circulated.

Questions and Comments from Guests *(per the city should occur at beginning of meetings 3-minute limit).*

None were presented by the audience

SSA Financials w/Budget Tracker – R. Sawyer/D. Burnham/G. Rumsey/I. Greene

Statement of Financial position – as of June 30th - There is a deficit of \$147K due to uncollected revenue to date. Category: 2.0 – customer attraction – there are remaining funds of \$68K, 3.0 – public way aesthetics – no spending to date, 6.0 – management – approximately \$11K remaining, 7.0 – personnel - \$29K. However, the amount remaining is not accurate as presented.

Budget Tracker – amounts concur with financials as presented.

Chairman Guttman questioned the information that needed to be updated in the tracker and didn't want to proceed with approving if there are changes to be made. Commissioner Rumsey pointed out the information had been updated; however, he wasn't sure if the new numbers had been finalized. The overall concern was the omission of the cost of FICA within the budget. The difference will be an increase of 3.75% for personnel. The financials would be updated.

Service Provider – R. Sawyer

The question before the body is would SSA 61 like to continue to have the South East Chicago Commission as the service provider. Chairman Guttman questioned whether anyone had any alternative managers in mind other than the SECC. Commissioner Newsome made the motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Rogel. In relation to the organization as the service provider, the Commissioners felt that if there was a question as to the viability of the organization as the service provider that should have been discussed prior to now and that to their knowledge no other organization has expressed interest in being the service provider.

Commissioner Beach	YES
Commissioner Guttman	YES
Commissioner Marks	YES
Commissioner Newsome	YES
Commissioner Nurss	YES
Commissioner Rogel	YES
Commissioner Rumsey	YES

Note: {E. Thompson and W. Williams votes were not factored in the final tally}

Programs Update – R. Sawyer

HPFM – Seeing very good success rate this year and encourage each of the commissioners to visit.

Viaduct Project – an assessment of the viaducts has been undertaken and looking to spruce up or find additional support services to complete the project.

Committee Meetings – Deep dive on the projects and encouraged the commissioners to attend to get a better understanding of what those are and plan.

Reconstitution – the formal committee is pretty much complete. An information packet will be put together and shared with those on the reconstitution committee. The process is scheduled to begin in September. Our next step is to hire a consult.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners

None

The next meeting will be August 23rd 2022 @ 11:00am via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned 11:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymonde Vance, Secretary, SSA 61