

Special Service Area #61
SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Present: Greg Guttman, Angie Marks, Charles Newsome, James Nurss, Mary Rogel, George Rumsey

Absent: Anthony Beach, Shaka Mitchell and Nancy Stanek

Also Present: Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager), Diane Burnham (SECC Executive Director), Isaac Greene (Accountant), Mike McGarry (SECC), Eric Thompson (Guest), Wendy Williams (UofC), Roger Huff (Guest), Gary Ossewaarde (JPAC), Joyce Feuer (HPCC), Sandra Bivens (SECC), JoAnn Newsome (SECC), Carol and Jane Moy (Guests)

A quorum being present, Chairman Guttman called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 7:05pm. 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.

Questions and Comments from Guests *(per city should occur at beginning of meetings 3-minute limit).*
None

Programs Committee – M. Rogel and R. Sawyer

The Commissioners submitted their initial program initiatives, in no particular order:

- Viaducts (53rd and 55th Sts) – walkthrough with CPAG and work with HPAC are planned as well
- Lake Park Median – reviewing proposals and will present to Commissioners.
- Nichols Park – working on lilac bushes and tree trimming scheduled soon.
- 53rd Street (eastern and western edges) – landscaping at Woodlawn/53rd and parking lot. Looking for initiatives for east end of 53rd street.
- 55th Street – looking for programming goals for this business corridor.

The next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for April 4th at 10am.

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

Financials were accepted as circulated and presented. Draft 2024 Workplan is being worked on and due to the DPD by June 3rd.

Reading/Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the January 24th SSA meeting were accepted as circulated.

SSA Contracts – R. Sawyer

The contracts for Clarence Davids, Advanced Pro Clean and Cleanslate. Current vendors have been asked to extend their current contracts until December 31st due SSA 61 Reconstitution. A motion to accept the contract extension for Clarence Davids was placed on the floor and was moved and properly seconded. Due to limited information and a variety of questions the motion was tabled.

SSA Reconstitution – R. Sawyer

There were two presentations – one from the Department of Planning and Development and the other from the consultant, Teska and Associates. Mike McGarry was elected the chairperson for the Reconstitution Committee. The next scheduled meeting is on April 13th where the boundaries will be discussed and voted on.

Chairman Updates – G. Guttman

MAC Properties has informed the Reconstitution Committee they don't want their properties which are east of the viaducts included within the SSA boundaries. They would like the properties west of the viaduct to be included. Commissioner Rogel questioned if other properties would be affected in that area? Due to continuity any property in direct line could be, however, It will be determined at the next Reconstitution meeting.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners

None

The next meeting will be April 25th 2023 @ 11:00 am via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymonde Vance, SSA 61