

Special Service Area #61
SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 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), Wendy Williams (UofC), Roger Huff (Guest), Joyce Feuer (HPCC), Sandra Bivens (SECC), JoAnn Newsome (SECC), Carol and Jane Moy (Guests), Jonathan Swain (Guest) and Dave White (NPAC)

A quorum being present, Chairman Guttman called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 11:02am. 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 March 21st SSA meeting were accepted as corrected.

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

None

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

Financials were accepted as circulated and presented.

Programs Committee – M. Rogel and R. Sawyer

- The following contracts totaling approximately \$95K have been signed: Cleanslate, Advanced Pro Clean, and Clarence Davids. The powerwashing of the sidewalks within the footprint/business corridor should begin in approximately one week.
- Commissioner Rumsey inquired about the payment for Teska for the work on the reconstitution. Mr. Sawyer confirmed payment has been made.

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

A new SSA map was approved at the April 13th meeting. The remap will exclude properties on the Lake Park Avenue side east of 53rd Street, viaduct east to Hyde Park Blvd, north side of the street per the request of a property management company. Two community meetings have been scheduled: May 9th @ 12pm – virtually; May 16th @ 5:30pm, Nichols Park Fieldhouse. To date, SSA 61 has 38% of the properties, well above the required 20%. The SSA is reconstituting for a 10-year renewal period.

SSA Audit – Waiting for the draft of the audit from the auditor. A special meeting will be held soon to vote on the audit.

Community Presentations – Jonathan Swain (HP Summerfest) and Dave White (NPAC) Hyde Park Summerfest – seeking support from the SSA 61, possibly through co-branding through social media campaigns. Proposal to the Finance Committee was moved and properly seconded to provide up to \$25k in general sponsorship support.

4th on 53rd – seeking support from SSA 61 for their annual event with an increase in sponsorship from \$5k to \$10k, reclassifying the SSA from founder to presenting sponsor. Funds will be used for security within the event area. A motion presented to allocate the \$10K to the NPAC for the parade and concert series. Motion passed unanimously.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Newsome – Has an invitation been extended to the new alderpersons? Yes, the service provider is in the process of scheduling a meeting and will extend an invite at the meeting. The Chiefs of Staff are included in the monthly meeting invite on regular basis.

The next meeting to be determined. Reschedule due to conflict.

The meeting was adjourned 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymonde Vance, SSA 61