

Special Service Area #61
SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes
Tuesday, May 25, 2023, 11:00am
Nichols Park Fieldhouse, 1355 E. 53rd Street

Present: Anthony Beach, Greg Guttman, Charles Newsome, George Rumsey

Absent: Angie Marks, Shaka Mitchell, James Nurss, Mary Rogel and Nancy Stanek

Also Present: Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager), Diane Burnham (SECC Executive Director), Mike McGarry (SECC), Roger Huff (Guest), Gary Ossewaarde (JPAC), Clarence Davids & Sons, and Brightview representatives

Chairman Guttman called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 11:06am. A quorum was not present.

Reading/Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the April 25th SSA meeting were reviewed with corrections made.

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

Kenny Newman – the bike racks on the west end have been neglected; Kozminski Playground needs some attention/cleanup; lilac bushes need to be trimmed; garbage cans not emptied often enough; Dorchester Commons needs additional dumpsters and assistance with customer engagement.

Roger Huff – Stated the notice of the special meeting regarding the audit was not readily visible. Rod will check to see where the notices were placed, and added the audit was clean.

The Commissioners addressed the concerns. Suggested that NPAC could address the issue of the lilac bushes once the 4th on 53rd Street event has concluded; due to the heavier foot traffic maybe additional trash receptacles can be placed and that the aggressive panhandlers at the shopping center needs some level of enforcement.

SSA Financials w/Budget Tracker – R. Sawyer/D. Burnham/G. Rumsey/I. Greene
Financials were deferred to the next meeting.

Programs Committee – M. Rogel and R. Sawyer

- 2024 Workplan – Commissioner Rumsey stated the levy rate should be set at 0.65%. To raise the rate, it must be approved by the Commissioners. The numbers reflect

the TIF Assessment. The newly revised Workplan budget would be shared with the Commissioners. The approved budget due date is July 14th.

SSA Audit – Approved on June 11th at a special meeting without findings.

SSA Presentations – Clarence Davids and Brightview

Clarence Davids and Brightview presented their Lake Park Avenue enhancement proposals to the Commissioners. The proposals will be voted on at the next Program Committee meeting. A new date must be determined per the OMA, they are public and require a quorum. Commissioner Rumsey reminded the body that two missed meetings are grounds for removal as a commissioner.

Chairman Notes – G. Guttman

Met with the newly appointed 4th and 5th ward Alderman Lamont Robinson and Desmond Yancy, respectively. Thanked Alderman Robinson for attending the special meeting.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymonde Vance, SSA 61