

**Special Service Area #61**  
**SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**  
**Hyde Park Bank Conference Room**  
**1525 East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street**

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

**Absent:** Anthony Beach, Gregory Guttman, Shaka Mitchell and Nancy Stanek

**Also Present:** Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager), Diane Burnham (SECC Executive Director), Isaac Greene (Accountant), Wendy Williams (U of C), and Joyce Feuer (HPCC)

**Call to Order:** Acting Vice Chairman Rumsey called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 11:12am.

**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.

**Reading/Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes for the following dates were accepted as corrected or circulated: April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**2024 Workplan – R. Sawyer**

Review of programmatic categories 1.0 through 6.0. There were increases in some of the categories due to upcoming projects within the footprint and no more than 80% of the budget is utilized.

A motion was presented to approve the budget and the vote to approve the workplan passed unanimously.

1. Commissioner Angie Marks - **yes**
2. Commissioner Charles Newsome – **yes**
3. Commissioner James Nurss - **yes**
4. Commissioner Mary Rogel – **yes**
5. Chairman George Rumsey – **yes**

### **Lake Park Median – R. Sawyer**

Landscaping expected to be completed before the July 4<sup>th</sup> deadline. Commissioner Rumsey inquired which city department we should contact to trim back the trees before they get too overgrown.

### **SSA Reconstitution – R. Sawyer**

The application was submitted to the City on June 9<sup>th</sup> with 27% of property owner signatures which is above the 20% requirement. We should hear something between September – November. Teska has done an outstanding job in this process.

### **Commissioner Applications – R. Sawyer**

Reminder to commissioners to begin their applications. If you need a printed copy, they are available in the SECC office and if you need help completing yours, please schedule an appointment with Rod and he will assist you. Rod will hand-deliver the applications to our liaison at DPD.

### **Chairman Update – VC Rumsey**

Reminded the Commissioners to complete their required filings, which can take some time and that some of the filings require both City and County submissions. Failure to file in a timely manner results in a steep fine.

**2023 City of Chicago Statement of Financial Interests** link to website:

[https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ethics/provdrs/statements\\_of\\_financialinterests.html](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ethics/provdrs/statements_of_financialinterests.html)

**City of Chicago Board of Ethics** link to website:

[https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ethics/provdrs/statements\\_of\\_financialinterests/svcs/sfi.html](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ethics/provdrs/statements_of_financialinterests/svcs/sfi.html)

**Cook County Statement of Economic Interests** link to online portal:

<https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/ethics/statements-economic-interest>

### **Questions and Comments from Commissioners**

None

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymonde Vance, SSA 61