

Special Service Area #61
SSA #61 Program Committee Minutes
Tuesday, June 8, 2023 3:25pm – 4pm
SECC Office Conference Room, 2nd Fl.
1511 East 53rd Street

Present: Anthony Beach, Mary Rogel, Charles Newsome, George Rumsey, Gregory Guttman, and Nancy Stanek

Also Present: Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager, James Nurss (Commissioner present, via Zoom).

Call to Order: Chairperson Rogel called the Program Committee meeting of SSA #61 to order at 3:25pm with a quorum present.

2023 Initiatives Progress Report: R. Sawyer presented the status on the following items: (1). Viaducts initiative – met with Chicago Public Arts Group (CPAG) to evaluate the viaducts. CPAG brought along two artists, J. Pounds and B. Williams, to discuss the art itself and the structures containing the art pieces. (2). Lake Park Landscaping – Was discussed and voted on in special meeting preceding this meeting, (3). Nichols Park – Park district is maintaining lilacs. Nichols Park Advisory Council (NPAC) had recently formed a committee to determine work to be done on the lilacs. R. Sawyer is not sure what path there is to go forward with this initiative.

Questions and Comments: There were questions about the status of projects 4, 53rd Street activation, west of Kimbark Av and 53rd Street, east of Lake Park Ave., and 55th Street Activation. R. Sawyer will deliver a report at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roderick Sawyer, SSA 61