



**Special Service Area #61  
SSA Advisors Minutes  
Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 11am  
Hyde Park Bank Conference Room**

**Present:** Angie Marks, Suni Karim, Charles Newsome, James Nurss, George Rumsey, Mary Rogel, George Robnett, Nancy Stanek, Eric Thompson

**Also Present:** Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager), Diane Burnham (SECC), (SECC), Mike McGarry (SECC Board member), Peter Cassel (Mac Properties), Cecilia Butler (Washington Park Advisory Council), Dave White (4<sup>th</sup> on 53<sup>rd</sup> Committee Chair), Wendy Williams (U of C)

**Absent:** None

**Call to order:** Chair Rumsey called the meeting of SSA #61 advisors to order at 11:06am.

**Reading of Minutes** – Minutes accepted as circulated.

**Q&A from Guests:**

Dave White, 4<sup>th</sup> on 53<sup>rd</sup> Committee Chair

Encouraged all to attend/participate in the parade and is looking for volunteers for parade activities, banner carriers, parade marshals. Signup is available through the website. SSA 61 has a float for the parade and asks that all who will be marching assemble no later than 10:45am in the bank parking lot. The step-off time is 11am sharp.

Peter Cassel, MAC Properties

Expressed his concern the tax increase could have a negative impact on smaller businesses and renters. Believes the SSA would benefit from the windfall of the forthcoming TIF expiration in three years and there was no community discussion on the increase. Chair Rumsey made a correction to the statement and informed the body that the TIF is frozen and SSA will not receive additional funds. Commissioner Marks wants to ensure that the board will be good stewards over the funds entrusted to it.



**Discussion: SSA 61 Bylaws – Chairman Rumsey**

Tabled until the next meeting for voting.

**SSA 61 Financials – R. Sawyer**

Accepted as presented. There are \$19,000 in outstanding bills to date.

- Audit – TIF will be included in the 2023 audit and will be accounted for in the 2024 accounting year. There will be an explanation of funds included and will work with the Department of Planning and Development to explain the overage in the report.
- Workplan Budget Draft – R. Sawyer  
Preliminary vote with review at June meeting with understanding a draft of the budget by June 7<sup>th</sup> and the final approval is due no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>

**2025 DRAFT WORKPLAN BUDGET VOTE**

COMMISSIONER	VOTE
G. ROBNETT	NO
N. STANEK	YES
C. NEWSOME	YES
M. ROGEL	YES
J. NURSS	YES
S. KARIM	YES
A. MARKS	NO
E. THOMPSON	YES

**Programming** - R. Sawyer notes that this has already been covered by M. Roschen during the discussion on closing out the 2023 Workplan and working in the TIF funds. With this new understanding, R. Sawyer will look back on this in preparation for the 2023 audit.



**Contracts** – The following contracts require a vote and approval:

Cleanslate – 7/1/24 - 12/31/24

CEI Media – 7/1/24 - 12/31/24

These vendor contracts were extended due to the timing aspect. Contracts were approved unanimously.

**Questions, Comments and Notices**

Commissioners were reminded any meetings to discuss SSA business consisting of 2 or more commissioners is subject to the Open Meetings Act and must be a public meeting.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm.

Respectfully,

Raymonde Vance, SECC