



**Special Service Area #61
SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes
Tuesday, July 23, 2024
Polsky Exchange North – Jackson Park Room**

Present: L. Brown, A. Marks, C. Newsome, J. Nurss, G. Robnett, M. Rogel, G. Rumsey, N. Stanek, E. Thompson

Absent: S. Karim

Also Present: Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager), Isaac Greene (Accountant), Cecilia Butler (WPAC), Margarite Richardson (SECC Intern)

A quorum being present, Chairman Rumsey called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 11:05am.

Reading/Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the June 27th meeting and the July 11th special vote meeting were accepted as circulated. The minutes for the May 29, 2024, meeting was tabled until the August meeting for additional revisions.

Bylaws Discussion/Adoption – Chair Rumsey and R. Sawyer

- P3 – adjust time requirement to five minutes (maximum)
- 3.1 - five business days prior
- 4.0 - attendance or virtual online.
- Change meeting without notice = resignation to instead read: three (3) missed meetings without notice....
- Election of officers – limited to two (2), two-year terms per state statute, which is adequate.

Commissioner Rogel referenced section 3.5: Secretarial responsibility which are extensive being why a recording secretary was added and provided by the service provider. Since that role is no longer applicable to the new SSA, whomever is assigned to this role, has to be aware of the amount of work.



Chair Rumsey placed a motion for a hand vote on the adoption of the By-laws. The motion was moved and seconded by Commissioners Rogel and Newsome, respectively. Motion carried unanimously.

Officers:

Chair – George Rumsey

Vice-Chair – Charles Newsome

Treasurer – Nancy Stanek

Secretary - - tabled to August meeting

Rod (program manager) stated the Program Committee Chair was Commissioner Rogel and the Finance Committee Chair (de facto) Commissioner Stanek. Chair Rumsey asked the commissioners to send him an email to let him know which committee they would like to serve on. Rod reminded the commissioners any meeting with a quorum present automatically becomes a public meeting.

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

Financials were accepted as circulated and presented

- Budget Expenses – these are TIF fund expenses. A new bank account has been established for the new SSA 61 funds so the monies are not comingled with the sunset SSA 61 funds.
- Audit update – Draft of SSA 61 2023 audit to be ready by July 30th/31st per the auditor.

Commissioner Stanek questioned if the TIF is functional. The body was informed that the TIF is a nonfunctional entity. SSA 61 has received all funds from TIF.

Program and Project Updates – R. Sawyer

Chicago Public Art Group (CPAG) is presenting art panels for review by the commissioners. Some art is being resubmitted and a meeting will be called to vote on the art panels. For the Washington Park panels, they will try to preserve as many of the



panels as possible. SECC will support furthering the project. Ms. Butler will contact the Chicago Park District to see if tradesmen can remove the panels with limited to no damage. Commissioner Stanek asked were the commissioners choosing the art. She was informed that there are jurors assigned to the project and will select the art based on the opinions of the commissioners. It is the commissioner's duty to convey to the jurors their wishes for the community.

Program Committee meets (tentatively) the first Tuesday of August at 10am.

Chairman Updates – G. Rumsey

Provided a copy of the Roles and Responsibilities to the commissioners from the City of Chicago SSA handbook and asked that all refamiliarize themselves with it.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Newsome asked that a comprehensive list of the committees and the chairs be provided. A copy of the list will be provided to all commissioners.

Commissioner Robnett asked can a commissioner serve on more than one committee? Chair Rumsey informed him one could.

The next meeting will be August 27th at 11am

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am

Respectfully submitted,
Raymonde Vance, SECC