



**Special Service Area #61  
SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
Polsky Exchange North – Jackson Park Room**

**Present:** L. Brown, S. Karim, C. Newsome, J. Nurss, M. Rogel, G. Rumsey, E. Thompson

**Absent (excused):** G. Robnett and N. Stanek

**Absent:** A. Marks

**Also Present:** Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager), Jane Moy (Property Owner) , Isaac Greene (Accountant)

A quorum not being present, Chair Rumsey called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 11:09am. At 11:15am, quorum present.

**Reading/Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes for the May, July and September meetings must be approved. The August minutes were approved with the necessary corrections.

**Questions and Comments from Guests:**

Mrs. Moy shared information regarding the vacancies in the area. Heard the company Chick-fil-A has purchased the property where the restaurant Jordyn's is located. Also, the Hyde Park Bank building may be placing a restaurant in the former Binny's space, renovations are occurring on the fourth floor and the property currently has a 30% occupancy rate.

**Audit Vote – R. Sawyer**

The vote to approve the 2023 SSA 61 audit was as follows:

Brown – Yes

Karim – Yes

Newsome - Yes

Nurss – Yes

Thompson - Yes

**SSA Financials – I. Greene, Accountant, R. Sawyer, Program Manager**



Financials were accepted as circulated and presented. Due to SECC is primarily on track; one month lag.

- **Budget Tracker** – Commissioner Karim asked for details on line item 2.02- Landscaping regarding outstanding invoices for the two remaining months of the year according to the budget vs actual. The program manager has contacted all vendors to encourage them to send anything due as soon as possible as SSA 61 books close at the end of the year. One vendor installed banners earlier this year and three invoices were paid later due to some discrepancy with the vendor. Chair Rumsey asked where they were regarding the sidewalk maintenance-has it been spent? The funds are expected to be dispensed soon. As far as the powerwashing is concerned, waiting for the unveiling of the viaduct product before utilizing this service.
- Chair Rumsey noted there was \$35k in funds remaining to be spent by the close of the fiscal year.
- **Spenddown Plan** – Commissioner Rogel: If the carryover of \$102K, how can we have \$111k for 2025? Why aren't some items not being omitted? Commissioner Karim suggested to pause spending in some categories for now to close the deficit. Also, can some of the funds be moved to the 2025 budget workplan? Will discuss and finalize at the December meeting.

#### **Program Committee Report – Commissioner Rogel, Chair**

Artist insurance has lapsed. Due to this issue, weather and conversation with the artist, the project will not be completed this year (2024)

Panel Installation: Waiting for permits and ceremony is slated for Spring 2025.

Margaret Boroughs panels are too expensive to remove, however conversations are ongoing to make new panels as replacement.

#### **SSA Service Provider – Chair Rumsey**

Unanimously approved SECC as the service provider.

#### **SSA Program Manager Report – R. Sawyer**

- CollaBOOration – event is on track



- Peddlers – community discussion is needed
- Holiday decorations/public way – ordinance; city permit needed

### **Chairman Updates – G. Rumsey**

A large community meeting is scheduled for December with OCE regarding a variety of community concerns/issues.

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

Commissioner Newsome – Holiday lights on the trees? – Requires a permit and they would have to be removed by February.

Commissioner Rogel – Lake Park medians look nice and the flower baskets look wonderful.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymonde Vance, SECC