

Special Service Area #61 – Hyde Park
SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes Tuesday, January 23, 2025
Polsky Exchange North – Jackson Park Room

Present: L. Brown, C. Newsome, G. Robnett, G. Rumsey

Absent: S. Karim, A. Marks, J. Nurss, M. Rogel, N. Stanek, and E. Thompson

Also Present: Rod Sawyer (SSA Program Manager), Diane Burnham (SECC Executive Director), Kenneth Newman, Pat (4th Ward Constituent Services)

A quorum not being present, Chair Rumsey called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 11:10am.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for the December meeting were tabled until a quorum was present or the next scheduled meeting.

Questions and Comments from Guests

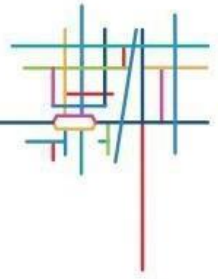
Pat, a Constituent Services representative from the 4th Ward, introduced herself to the Commission. Kenny Newman discussed the need for additional bicycle racks on 55th St and along 53rd Street, especially at Kimbark Plaza.

Discussion of Office/Committee Vacancies

Chair Rumsey reminded the Commissioners that the organization currently serves without a treasurer or a secretary. Both roles are two-year appointments for an optional two terms, if anyone would consider volunteering. The treasurer would also serve as chair of the Finance Committee. The Program Committee would also like to have additional Commissioners participate in the monthly meetings.

Financials

- SSA Program Manager Sawyer reviewed the monthly financial statements. The financials and the budget tracker were balanced, and there was little action to report this early in the year.
- Sawyer also reported that the City was reviewing the annual audit, with some minor questions yet to be resolved about the year-end finances.



Program Committee Report

The Program Committee has yet to meet for 2024. The first meeting will be in February.

SSA Program Manager Report

Program manager Sawyer reported on the state of the budget for SSA 61, with the expectation that a budget modification may be needed at the next meeting. He also noted that the changes would be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting in February.

Chairman Updates

The chairman encouraged everyone to attend the Department of Planning and Development new commissioner training, and not to overlook the ethics forms that are required annually by Cook County and the City of Chicago.

The next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, at 11:00 in the Polsky Center. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Rumsey, Chair