

## **GREEKTOWN SSA#16 DECEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

### **Commissioners Attending**

Frank J. Caputo ("FC")  
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras ("LR")  
Eve Moran ("EM")  
Alex Theoharis ("AT")  
Ceasar Melidis, via telephone

### **Others Attending**

Rod Burch ("RB"), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos ("DTM"), Advisor  
Susan Downs  
Madeleine Kukanza, Zapwater  
Katie Niemiec, Zapwater Comm.  
Leo Louchios, Greektown Ed. Found.  
Constantine Stamatakos, HBC

### **Commissioners Absent**

Tom Bonanno  
Anastasia Makridakis  
Tom Paspalas  
Marc Washor

**I. Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes** – The November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. There was a motion by FC and seconded by LL to accept the meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. Old Business**

- A. Greektown Safety Update** – FC said that Barbara Gressel contacted FC and said there was no law broken by the owners of the establishments even though they agreed informally to close from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. DTM stated he would talk with the Alderman and Leo Louchios said he will also join that conversation concerning Taco Burrito King's licensure. There was a motion by FC and seconded by LL to meet with the City officials to review this matter concerning the shooting at Taco Burrito King to commence license revocation proceedings with the Alderman's advice. The motion passed unanimously. Leo Louchios stated that FC should call the Commander for patrol from 4:30 to 7:30 to protect the children. FC said he would do that.

### **IV. New Business**

- A. Hellenic Heartbeat Proposal** – Constantine Stamatakos gave the Hellenic Heartbeat Proposal. The "Heartbeat" goes to Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. The proposal was for \$18,000 including the production fee. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by LL to approve the \$1,500 per month Hellenic Heartbeat Program for 12 months with an advertising committee to work with the Hellenic Heartbeat on content. Jack Edinger will be spoken with

concerning his videos to be put on the Hellenic Heartbeat. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Anemos Hellenic Folklore Society Sponsorship** – There was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to approve the sponsorship for \$2,000 for the event that has occurred on December 1, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Greek Independence Day Parade – Orpheus Dance Troupe** – The Orpheus Dance Troupe shall be on the SSA float on April 29, 2018.
- D. Recommendation: Street Cleaning Additional Days** – There was a motion by EM and seconded by LL to amend paragraph three of the AMA Contract to read “Standard service will be provided on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays or as directed by Frank Caputo the Chairman”. The motion will state there will be an addendum to the original contract with AMA and shall control the following amendment: paragraph seven, “AMA shall provide the SSA with a Certificate of Insurance for liability naming the SSA and West Central Association as additional insured”. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Hanging Baskets: Floral Refund** – FC stated the Jeff Brink has no contract but will give the proposal to RB. FC will ask Jeff Brink for a contract. Four plants were not put up. RB stated to get Jeff Brink which is a subcontract of Moor Landscapes, Inc. The will be sent to DTM.

#### V. Open Session

- A. Greektown Art Committee Update** – EM reported that she presented a sample of Greek Christmas Karavakia and they are being distributed to the community merchants.
- B. Zapwater PR/Social Media Update** –
  - PR** - Madeleine Kukanza reported that they are focusing on the Trolley Program and Christmas promotion with CBS, ABC and local media outreach. There will be an upcoming video.
  - Social Media** – There were seven influencers that were taken to Athena and then to the Bulls game.
  - Corri McFadden** – Blogger Corri McFadden went to Greek Islands and sampled the Greek food and was impressed.
  - Christmas Video** – The Greektown Christmas video will be distributed.
- C. CTA Station – Greektown Signage Update** – Jeff Wilson is working with FC on this project. FC showed very nice looking pictures of the final result.
- D. Contract Update (Chicago Trolley, Twin Electric)** – DTM has spoken with Twin Electric concerning their contract and is awaiting Chicago Trolley's contract. DTM gave the standard Independent Contract to be included in all the new RFPs.

**VI. Community Participation** – There was no Community Participation.

**VII. Adjournment** - At 5:00 p.m. there was a motion made for adjournment by FC, and seconded by LL. The motion passed unanimously.