

**GREEKTOWN SSA#16  
DECEMBER 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioners Attending**

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)  
Eve Moran, (EM)  
Tom Paspalas, (TP)  
Alex Theoharis, (AT)  
Anastasia Makridakis, via phone

**Commissioners Absent**

Tom Bonanno  
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras  
Marc Washor

**Others Attending**

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor  
Rachael Smith, Lakota Group  
Thanos Markakis  
Nick Kriarakis  
Sue Weber, Neighbors of West Loop  
Leo Louchios, Greektown Educ. Found.  
Chris Lamas, Taco Burrito King  
Peter G. Vitogianis, Mr. Greek Gyros

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Community Participation** – There were no questions from the community.

**III. Review and Vote on Approval of November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes** – Minutes from the November 21, 2019 Meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by FC, seconded by AT, to approve the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Receptacles**

- a. Rachel Smith from the Lakota Group reported on the status of the receptacles. The SSA needs to apply for a "Grant of Privilege" for \$75 per receptacle. The SSA can give CDOT money and there will be no annual fee. Lakota did give CDOT the money and that started the process.

Eve Moran wants receptacles on Adams Street on the northeast corner. It was stated that we need to add additional receptacles to the Plan. RB will work on the Plan with Lakota.

Spectrum's garbage bin is gone and we need to replace it.

For garbage pickup we need to call Diamond Moreno (312 909-3041) at the Alderman's office to get this done.

**V. New Business**

**A. AGB Contract & 2019 Budget Adjustment**

- a. Rod Burch stated we need to increase the hourly rate. RB also stated we need to get more flexible days and we need to get a Certificate of

Insurance per Dean Maragos' request initially and the City's new certification of that requirement.

The SSA's budget will increase by \$8,000.00 for Security Patrol from line item 5.02 to line item 5.03.

RB said we need to talk to the District Manager Phebe Rogers to discuss shoplifting and panhandling in the neighborhood and we need to work with the Walgreens security in store with AGB outdoor. There was a motion by AT, seconded by FC, to approve the AGB proposal. The motion passed unanimously. Nick, our Chairman of Security stated that the 12<sup>th</sup> District needs to put more police on the street as of January 1, 2020.

#### **B. Maragos & Maragos Contract**

- a. There was a discussion on the contract with Dean Maragos. There was a motion by AT, seconded by FC, to approve the Maragos contract. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **C. SSA #16 – Office Space Proposals**

- a. RB reviewed all of the proposals. There was a motion by AT, seconded by FC, to approve RB's selection and report on the lease status and to state that the current lease for 2020 with the current landlord will remain in place. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **D. Greektown SSA – Program Administrator**

- a. RB stated that the selection of the SSA Program Administrator for full time employment with the West Central Association. RB prepared the job description. There was a motion by AT, seconded by FC, to accept the job description as written in the request for proposal by RB. The motion passed unanimously. There is a deadline of December 31, 2019. There was a motion by AT, seconded by FC, to accept the job description with future changes. The motion passed unanimously. The new Program Administrator must be hired by January 31, 2020.

### **VI. Reports & Updates**

#### **A. Chairman Update**

- a. Chairman Frank Caputo reported there were City problems for our electricity. SSA may have to pay its own electric bills. The issue is getting a key to the electric box for us to hook up our electricity to the City grid.

#### **B. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Updates**

- a. 2020 Budget & Commissioner Approvals - RB reported that the 2020 budget was approved. RB also reported that the three commissioners approved were Frank Caputo, Anastasia Makridakis and Nick Kriarakis.

- b. Susan Downs Resignation – Susan Downs abruptly resigned with no notice.
- c. Dean Maragos will discuss with the City Zoning Department the Special Use Overlay Concept for the community to make sure that we have Greek Restaurants in the first floor of new developments.

**VII. Adjournment – Next SSA #16 Commissioner Meeting is January 23, 2020** - At 3:57 p.m. there was a motion by AT, seconded by FC, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commission Meeting is January 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.