

## **GREEKTOWN SSA#16 JULY 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

### **Commissioners Attending**

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)  
Eve Moran, (EM)  
Nicholas Kriarakis, (NK)  
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)  
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras, (LRL)

### **Others Attending**

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor  
Tia Angelos, (TA)  
Pauline Dengler, (PD)  
Leo Louchios, (LL)

### **Commissioners Absent**

Tom Paspalas  
Alex Theoharis  
Mark Washor

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Community Participation** – DTM stated that the Hellenic Educational Advertising Program would be on the next agenda on September 24, 2020 for a vote.

There was a discussion by many of the commissioners informing the commission that things were not safe in Greektown due to dirty streets and double parking by patrons of the Taco Burrito King and Philly Steakhouse after 1:00 a.m. Pauline Dengler (PD) from the State's Attorney's office state that she will inform the University of Illinois Police and the Chicago Police Department concerning these problems. There were also statements by commissioners that individuals who had been using drugs had attacked them. PD stated that she would inform Officer Edwards of the 12<sup>th</sup> Police District. TA stated that the regular police patrolman is on furlough and will return to work on July 25, 2020. PD stated she would also inform the police to have the Bicycle Police to patrol the area.

Leo Louchios (LL) stated that last Friday there was dancing in front of Artopolis until 2:00 a.m. and there was also some shooting of guns. The commissioners stated they would immediately inform the police, the Alderman and AGB Security of this situation. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM to change the hours of AGB Security to 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The motion passed unanimously. DTM will send a letter to Taco Burrito King and Philly Steakhouse informing them we are changing the security times and asking that they address the SSA concerning outdoor security that they will hire. DTM will send a letter to AGB Security informing them of the revised hours for their contract per the SSA motion. TA will get the emails and addresses for Taco Burrito King and Philly Steakhouse to DTM and AGB Security so he can write the required letters.

The commissioners stated they would consider a community meeting for security purposes. Captain Kevin of AGB Security said that the Chicago Police have been overwhelmed due to the current situation in the City. Taco Burrito King emailed TA and stated that they were open until 2:30 a.m. on Monday through Thursday and 3:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The patrons of Taco Burrito King and Philly Steakhouse are buying the food, standing in line and then eating the food while sitting outside on top of there own cars then throwing the refuse on to the street.

**III. Review and Vote on Approval of May 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes** – There was a motion by EM, seconded by AM, to approve the May 28, 2020 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. New Business**

- A. 2021 Budget (Workplan & SSP) – Rod Burch (RB) reported that the SSA had approved the earlier EAV but there was a new EAV (total fair market value of the property in Greektown) that was recently issued by the City of Chicago. The EAV went from 94 million to 144 million due to new property development in the area. The tax levy went from 1% down to .50%. There was a motion by AM, seconded by EM to approve the 2021 Budget with the new EAV and the tax levy to go from 1% to .50%. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. 2020 Budget Amendment (carry-over) – RB reported that there was a carry-over of \$60,688.00 that went to the Safety line item of \$20,000.00 and the Public Way line item of \$40,688.00. There was a motion by LRL and seconded by EM to approve the amended 2020 Budget of \$60,688.00 to go to Safety line item and Public Way line item. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Zapwater Contract – FC stated that he spoke with David Zapata and his associates and they will leave the February 28, 2020 terms intact but no renewal was signed by Zapata and the SSA. It was discussed that there must be a new RFP (Request For Proposal) in order to interview and/or hire another firm. RB suggested that we establish a marketing committee to discuss what the terms of the RFP would be and this committee would report to the SSA. The committee would be comprised of LRL, AM and EM and LL as an advisor. There was a statement made by the commissioners that Zapwater had posted a picture of a gyros sandwich and there was an uproar from the community and Zapwater removed its own picture from the internet. There was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to establish the marketing committee with the above named individuals and to discuss the terms of the new RFP and report at the next SSA meeting on September 24, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Artist Stipend Checks – TA stated she paid sixteen artists \$250 apiece for a total of \$4,000. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM to approve those stipend check payments. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. 314-318 W. Halsted Street – Façade Rebate Approval – RB reported on the status of the Façade Rebate and that he had received from Bill Tsaparas the required information to allow him to receive the rebate of \$3,500. There was a motion by EM and seconded by Frank Caputo to approve the \$3,500 Façade Rebate to be given to Bill Tsaparas. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Rebate Program – Health & Sanitation – TA reported that there was \$5,000 issued and approved by the SSA for this Health & Sanitation Rebate. Eight merchants had received the rebate for a total of \$3,754. There was a remaining \$1,246 in this line item.
- G. Rebate Program – E-Commerce & Digital Marketing – TA reported that there were funds left from \$2,424 that had been granted. There was a motion by EM

and seconded by AM to extend the applications for rebates period to July 31, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Grant Program – Looting & Boarding Up – TA stated that there were three boarded up establishments in Greektown. TA suggested that we establish additional funds for boarding up and looting losses by the Greektown merchants. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM that the SSA will create a fund for looting and boarding up repairs with the amount to be determined and urge the community merchants to apply for it. RB said we have money in the Façade Merchant funds and they can immediately move forward. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – FC commended EM, LL and Connie Hinkle for the outstanding job they did on the fish displays in Greektown. FC also commended TA for her community work. EM suggested since we now have a Fish display in Greektown that we establish a program with the Shedd Aquarium allowing the patrons of the Shedd Aquarium to receive a discount on food in Greektown. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.
- B. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – RB stated that he had no report.
  - a. Commissioner Ethics Extended to July 1, 2020 - TA stated that all the ethics and training had been completed by the SSA Commissioners.
  - b. Project Updates – There will be Project Updates at the next meeting.
  - c. Zapwater – PR/Marketing Update – Zapwater was already discussed in “IV. New Business, paragraph C. Zapwater Contract”.

**VI. Adjournment – Next SSA #16 Commissioner Meeting is September 24, 2020** - At 4:00 p.m. there was a motion by FC, seconded by AM, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner Meeting is September 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.