

GREEKTOWN SSA#16
June 3, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES – FINAL

Commissioners Virtually Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Justine Fedak, (JF)
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras, (LL)
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)
Alex Theoharis, (AT)
Maria Tsourapas, (MT)

Others Virtually Attending

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Tia Angelos, (TA)
Capt. Salmon, AGB Security
Latasha, AGB Security

Commissioners Absent

Nicholas Kriarakis
Tom Paspalas
George Reveliotis
Marc Washor

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There were no members of the community at the meeting.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion by FC, seconded by AM, to approve the April 22, 2021 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Budget 2022 & Sole Service Provider – There was a motion by FC and seconded by MT to accept the 2022 Budget, the West Central Association as the 2022 Sole Service Provider and the 2022 Workplan. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. CWI Contract Renewal – FC stated that \$6,000 was owed on the CWI contract. There was a motion by AM and seconded by LL to pay the \$6,000 to CWI and renew their contract. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Office Lease Proposal – 801 W. Adams – FC stated that he had spoken with Dean Topping the landlord agent and that Topping had given an extension of the new lease terms that he had proposed earlier to be valid until July 1, 2021. There was a motion by FC and seconded AM to accept the lease proposal as written and that RB can send the letter to Dean Topping that the SSA has accepted its proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Office Proposal to Paint/Repairs/Lighting & Relocation Expense – There was a cost of \$2,660 and the workers are able to start as soon as possible. Pickens-Kane is the moving company and they have quoted a price of \$3,027.25 which includes the insurance. There was a motion by EM and seconded by LL to accept the \$3,027.25 moving proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Planter Replacements: Moore & Wausau Quotes – TA explained the Wausau proposal. There was a motion by JF and seconded by MT to accept the Wausau proposal for \$3,714.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Proposal for Assisting SSA 16 Merchants for Taste of Greektown – JF stated that she wanted to have a rebate merchant program for them to participate free of charge in the Greektown Festival. The rebate was only to the festival application fees and no other costs. Only the businesses that had a brick and mortar location in the Greektown area were eligible and the rebate must be submitted before August 31st.

The program categories for this rebate were:

- a. Establishment I Type
- b. Establishment II Type
- c. Merchant Establishment I Application

There was a motion by MT and seconded by AM to accept the rebate program with the new categories and to update the website to specify the rebate requests. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Proposal for Greektown Chicago Alfresco – There was a motion by EM and seconded by LL to accept the \$7,500 proposal for Greektown Chicago Alfresco. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Ribbon Cutting for Art Project 2021 – EM explained the media opportunity to identify the beautification work and to work with the University and also get something in the newsletter on the art projects. The cost is \$3,130.77 which includes photographer Diane Alexander's costs. There was a motion by AM and seconded by MT to accept the \$3,130.77 proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – FC stated that the floral program is moving well. The Arkadia building had a noise complaint of IDOT. FC wrote a letter to IDOT to not start working before 7:00 a.m. and IDOT agreed to that.

FC got information on the proposal for the Adams Street Bridge.

FC stated he is also making progress on the painting and the striping of the streets with thermoplastic sign intersection. All streets except Adams and Jackson are going to be done.

- B. Art Committee Report – EM stated that there will be a new sculpture on Monroe and there is a new sculpture at Elysian Fields. EM also commented on the progress on the lighthouses. EM also commented on the status of the Suns art program on Halsted Street.

DTM stated he and EM are going to virtually meet with Verano at 2 p.m. on June 4th on the mural and other art projects.

- C. PR Updates – TA explained the status of the Silverman Group programs. TA said she has spoken to the merchants on the marketing program.
- D. Security Committee Report – JF stated she is going to continue with the new AGB time schedule and that it is working well with AGB Security. JF also stated that Walgreens needed to repair lighting in their parking lot. JF said she spoke with Walgreens agent Donovan Pepper and he stated he will work with JF to increase the lighting with SSA. Capt. Salmon also informed the SSA that within the past few months, AGB (the SSA's security company) is also now the security company for Walgreens. JF stated she would talk immediately with Donovan to interface the inside and outside Security Program of the Walgreens store including the parking lot to be patrolled with AGB.

AGB's Capt. Salmon and Latasha stated the additional hours are working well and that they rotate the patrol times so that individuals would not know what the patrol times were. Capt. Salmon said he would also speak with Walgreens to see if we can work on a security program for the inside and outside.

- E. Program Manager Report/Sole Service Provider Report – There was no report given.

VI. Closed Session – At 2:30 p.m. there was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously. The SSA minutes in the closed session are confidential and have been prepared for review by the SSA only. There was a motion by EM and seconded by LL to come out of the closed session at 2:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

AM commented that Leo Louchios should be notified of all the meetings and he should be on the regular list of individuals that the SSA sends out. All agreed.

VII. Adjournment – Next SSA #16 Commission Meeting is June 24, 2021 - At 2:37 p.m. there was a motion by EM and seconded by FC to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commission Meeting is June 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.