

GREEKTOWN SSA#16
October 28, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES – FINAL

Commissioners Virtually Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras, (LRL)
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)
Nicholas Kriarakis, (NK)
Alex Theoharis, (AT)
Marc Washor, (MW)

Others Virtually Attending

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Tia Angelos, (TA)

Commissioners Absent

Justine Fedak
Tom Paspalas
George Reveliotis
Maria Tsourapas

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There was no community participation.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes – There were two revisions to the meeting minutes of September 23, 2021. The first revision was that Eve Moran (EM) wanted to be noted as partially attending. The second revision was in “IV. Old Business A. Lights at Monuments”. Frank Caputo (FC) wanted the third sentence to read, “There is one (1) temporary light installed.” There was a motion by FC, seconded by EM, to accept the September 23, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. City of Chicago Proposal for Winter Hanging Baskets – There was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC to approve the proposal for the Winter Hanging Baskets. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Shopper Rewards/Greektown Directory to Reflect SSA 16 Boundaries – There was a discussion on the status of the Rice Building and Giordano’s and Elysian Fields and whether or not they are within the SSA 16 boundary to be eligible for the Shopper’s Rewards and the Greektown Directory. The determination was to remove Giordano’s from the SSA 16 Boundary and the Rice Building is not within the SSA 16 Boundary. Rod Burch (RB) stated that levy for the SSA 16 is going to be less than 1%. EM stated that the Directory should reflect all buildings in the SSA 16 Boundary.
- C. 2021 Budget Adjustments – There was a discussion on the budget adjustments by RB. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by LRL to accept the budget adjustments as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. AGB 24/7 Proposal Through December 31, 2021 – There was a discussion about the proposal that AGB had placed before the Commissioners to have security guards from AGB in the SSA 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at a cost of \$84,258.00. EM explained the status of the situation in Greektown. FC asked Captain Salmon what the safety status in Greektown. Captain Salmon stated that there were no longer parking problems in front of Taco Burrito King and Philly's Best since the police were avidly ticketing all violators. Captain Salmon said there was no longer a problem on Jackson Street due to those two establishments due to the police activity and that there is no need to discuss closing early with Taco Burrito King and Philly's Best due to the problem being abated. There will be no further action required by the SSA to contact the City or the Police on this matter. Captain Salmon said that the proposal from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. is working and there was not any crime during the day that he stated at the meeting. He recommended that the SSA simply keep the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. schedule until December 31, 2021 at which time it would be reviewed by the SSA. There was a motion made by AM and seconded by FC that "On the advice of Captain Salmon of AGB, the SSA will have AGB to continue to patrol from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. with staggered schedules at the SSA discretion and/or special requests". The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Security Rebate Program – TA reported to the Commissioners that she received two merchant applications for the rebate program. RB stated that the only method of reimbursement is that the merchants submit their proposals before the SSA. The SSA must approve them, then send the approval to the merchant and then the merchant can make payments to get the rebate and after that the SSA will reimburse the merchant.
- Security Rebate Program – TA stated that she will get West Town's program. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by AM to approve the rebate adjustment to include new security alarm, lights and cameras up to \$3,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Santa's Helpers Proposal for Street Lights on Halsted - There was a motion made by EM and seconded by LRL to pay \$26,850.00 for the Santa's Helpers invoice that was sent to the SSA and presented at the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Santa's Helpers Proposal for Christmas Tree – There was a motion made by AM and seconded by EM to pay the \$1,950.00 owed for the Christmas Tree. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Proposal for Christmas Tree Decorating Event & Tree Lighting Event – There was a motion made by EM and seconded by AM to pay up to \$15,000.00 for Christmas tree decorating and tree lighting. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman's Report – FC spoke about the Christmas event. FC also spoke about the underground lighting and that TIMKA Company was the recommended contractor by IDOT in reinstalling the lights for the column and to the Elysian Field. FC will get all the names of the light installers and also will review whether or not a request for proposal is necessary for this project.

There was a discussion on the street emblems and RB and Dean Maragos (DTM) will get the telephone number and email of City agent Ellen Schmidt from FC. Once DTM

and RB have this information they are to contact Ellen on whether there should be an RFP issued for the contractor on the street designs.

- B. Art Committee Report – EM stated that the keravakia were distributed and they will be in the store fronts for Thanksgiving until January 2022. The postcards program is moving forward.
- C. PR Updates – The update was given by TA. TA reported that the marathon program at the Chicago Marathon was a huge Public Relations success.
- D. Security Committee Report – The Commissioners determined that this had already been reviewed earlier.
- E. Program Manager Report/Sole Service Provider Report –

RB reported:

- a. The 2021 Budget amendment is waiting for the City approval
- b. The 2022 Budget is to be introduced
- c. Commissioner Renewal – Tia stated that there are a few months to renew and that six commissioners are up for renewal
- d. Q3 expenses are due for November 1, 2021

VI. Closed Session – There was no closed session.

VIII. Adjournment – At 4:30 p.m. there was a motion by EM and seconded by AM to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA meeting is November 18, 2021.