

GREEKTOWN SSA#16
November 22, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES – FINAL

Commissioners Virtually Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Justine Fedak, (JF)
Nicholas Kriarakis, (NK)
Lorraine Rieff Liakouris, (LRL)
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)
Tom Paspalas, (TP)
George Reveliotis, (GR)
Marc Washor, (MW)

Others Virtually Attending

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Tia Angelos, (TA)
Pauline Dengler, Cook County State's Atty's Office
Elizabeth Neukirch, (EN), The Silverman Group
Mike Beltz, (MB), Moore Landscapes

Commissioners Absent

Lorraine Rieff Liakouras
Alex Theoharis
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 – Pauline Dengler from the Cook County State's Attorney's office stated that they were doing a webinar to protect the businesses during the Holiday Season.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of October 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion by JF and seconded by FC to accept the October 28, 2021 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. The Silverman Group 2022 Proposal – Elizabeth Neukirch (EN) gave a presentation of the accomplishments of the SSA under the guidance and leadership of the Silverman Group. Those accomplishments are in the information distributed at the meeting. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC to approve a social media fee of \$3,000.00 for the Silverman Group and \$3,500.00 for the Silverman Group current minimum non-profit monthly retainer fee for a total of \$6,500 for the 2022 Silverman Group proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Moore Landscapes 2022 Proposal – FC and EM spoke about the outstanding job that was done by Moore Landscapes. Mike Beltz was present and stated that the Moore Landscapes was going to include the Elysian Field's maintenance at no extra charge. There was a motion made by AM and seconded by LRL to accept the 2022 proposal from Moore Landscapes. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Streetscape Proposal – See Chairman's Report.
- D. Security Rebate Program – TA spoke on the increase for the rebate from \$3,000.00 and to increase it by \$1,500.00. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by AM to

increase the budget by \$1,500.00 for the Security Rebate Program. The motion passed unanimously. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by EM to approve the Security Rebate Program presented at the meeting. The motion passed with LRL abstaining.

- E. Third Quarter 2021 Performance Review – RB explained the Quarterly and Annual Report and discussed they're being given to the City by the SSA.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman's Report – FC reported that the Streetscape design was discussed with him and the City and that the City stated we needed no Request For Proposal (RFP). RB and DTM were asked by FC to call Garth of the City to determine if an RFP is required. All agreed that this project should not be commenced until March 31, 2022 or April 30, 2022 due to the weather and construction.

RB stated that on November 10, 2021 FC wrote a letter to Ellen of the City on this matter. FC said he is getting an invoice from the Gallagher Company which is one of the few companies that does this work. RB stated that he was concerned about the management of this project since this is a very complex project and will have to talk to the City on the RFP and management. Garth's phone number (312-744-2376) was given by FC to RB and DTM. RB and DTM stated that after this meeting they will call Garth. FC explained that we needed a new door for our office headquarters. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by EM to pay up to \$150 for a new door and repair. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Art Committee Report

Karavakia - EM stated that all the karavakia were delivered to the various locations in Greektown and that a Public Relations photo would be taken.

Menorah – There was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC to allow a Menorah to be placed in Greektown on November 28th plus 8 days after the 28th. The motion passed unanimously.

Tree Lighting - EM stated that the Tree Lighting for the Greektown Christmas tree is on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

- C. PR Updates – A report was distributed at the meeting.
- D. Security Committee Report – The security cameras were discussed. GR stated that there were critical statements made on social media against Greektown. DTM stated the Silverman Group is in charge of responding and that no commissioners should respond individually but refer all questions to the Silverman Group. EN of the Silverman Group stated the DTM was correct and that they would handle all the public relations and communication on the SSA safety. TA stated that she was working with the Security Committee and with AGB Security and to get the SSA merchants the AGB telephone numbers directly to AGB

E. Program Manager Report/Sole Service Provider Report – RB stated that the amended Budget was passed by the City Council.

VI. Closed Session – There was no closed session.

VII. Adjournment – At 4:23 p.m. there was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA meeting is December 16, 2021.