

SSA #34 Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 21, 2008 –3:30pm

Combined (Aon) Insurance

5050 N. Broadway, 1st Floor Personnel Conference Room

Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Terry Tuohy (President), Margaret Haywood (Secretary), Eric Cheng, Chip Long, Jennifer Martin, Steve Milford, Ray Rickert

Comissioners absent

Tom Cameron, Peter Holsten, Warren Preis, David Rettker (Treasurer)

Others in attendance:

Joyce Dugan, CEO, Uptown United

Wally Rozak, SSA #34 Administrator, Uptown United

Kelly Cheng, Sun-Wah BBQ, 1134 W. Argyle St.

Yvonne Odell, Aide to Alderman Helen Shiller, 46th Ward

Tim Dugan, area resident and spouse of J. Dugan

Guests/Presenters:

Item 4.a. Presentation by Cleanstreet Program

Jeff Dennis, Executive Director, Breaking Ground

Lorenzo Davis, Cleanstreet Program of Breaking Ground

Brian Friday, Cleanstreet Program of Breaking Ground

Item 4.b. Presentation by Cleanslate Program

Eric Weinheimer, President/CEO, The Cara Program

John Rush, Managing Director, Cleanslate Program

Meeting called to order at 3:38 pm

1. Public Input

No Public Input

2. Review of Minutes for February 25, 2008 and June 23, 2008 Meetings

Milford moved to approve, seconded by Long. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

3. Review of Mid-Year Performance Assessment for Dept. of Planning & Devel.

Required Mid-Year Performance Assessment for 2008 distributed. This form is submitted with the draft of next year's budget & workplan. It must be signed-off on by the Commission.

Long asked about impressions about effectiveness of sidewalk powerwashing so far. Work on current contract is ongoing. There is no allocation for powerwashing in 2009 draft budget.

Long moved to accept 2008 Mid-Year Assessment, seconded by Haywood. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

4. Discussion of RFPs for 2009 Litter Removal & Streetsweeping Contract

Rozak reported that we received two responses to the RFP for sidewalk trash removal, one from Cleanslate and one from Cleanstreet, another nonprofit. The Cleanstreet bid was roughly \$100,000 less than the former, but they would provide a crew of only four each day. Also, Cleanslate's cost is up 10% from the current year.

Meeting adjourned for short break at 3:50pm until first presenters arrive; reconvened at 3:55pm.

4. Presentations by Respondents to 2009 RFP for Litter Removal & Streetsweeping

a. Cleanstreet Program of Breaking Ground

Led by Jeff Dennis, Executive Director, Breaking Ground

Meeting adjourned for short break at 4:30pm until second presenters arrive; reconvened at 4pm.

Followed by:

b. Cleanslate Program of The Cara Program

Led by Eric Weinheimer, President/CEO, The Cara Program

Discussion with each separate organization included aspects of their:

- Training programs
- Job placement success
- Source of crew personnel
- Drugtesting policies
- Program's background & relationships to other organization
- Recycling practices
- Relationship with applicable Streets & Sanitations offices
- Pay structures/Incentives/Benefits for program participants
- Motivational components
- Engagement of personnel with pedestrians/shoppers on the street

After discussion by Commissioners comparing and contrasting the two programs, Touhy moved that Uptown United staff approach Cleanslate to submit a rebid for 2009 litter removal that included a rate reduction and emptying of City street trashcans. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously at 5:33 pm.