



SSA#34 – Advisory Commission Meeting
April 21, 2009, 3:30 pm
Combined Insurance, 1st Floor
5050 N. Broadway, Chicago, Illinois

Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Terry Tuohy (Chair), Steve Milford (Vice Chair), Margaret Haywood (Secretary), Tom Cameron, Chip Long, Jenny Martin

Commissioners Absent:

David Rettker (Treasurer), Eric Cheng, Chuck Lawrence, Mitch Schneider, Warren Preis

Others in attendance:

Joyce Dugan, President/CEO, Uptown United
Wally Rozak, SSA #34 Administrator, Uptown United
Noreen Keeney, resident & nominee for SSA #34 commissioner
Jeffrey Saks, Sgt., Community Relations, 20th District, Chicago Police Department
Norman Kwang, Sgt., Community Relations, 20th District, Chicago Police Department
Christie Hahn, Executive Director, Uptown Business Partners
Janet Attarian, Chicago Department of Transportation
Glibel Gomez, Chicago Department of Transportation
Carima Watkins, 46th Ward Service Office
Bart Eilts, Eilts CPA
Joy Coombes, Eilts CPA

Meeting called to order at 3:41 pm.

I. Public Input:

Sgt. Norman Kwang of the 20th District Police made several announcements:

- Reminded group of chicagopolice.org website
- There will be a neighborhood walk on April 25, 9pm starting at Lawrence/Sheridan
- Police will be participating in April 30th Uptown Safety Expo at Aragon Ballroom
- Noted that they will spearhead a Homeless Resources Fair at Epworth Church in Edgewater re: community-based resources to alleviate homelessness

Tuohy encouraged the individuals to go around the table & introduce themselves.

II. Review of Minutes: from the March 31, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously. Moved by Milford, seconded by Cameron.

III. Finance Update: Reconciled financial statements (Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet) through end of March were distributed to the Commissioners.

- a. Bart Eilts and Joy Coombes of Eilts CPAs presented the final 2008 audit. They gave a clean opinion, meaning that everything met with generally accepted accounting principles. Page two shows a more traditional breakout of information. The last two pages represent the Profit & Loss statement preferred by the City. Sidewalk trash/maintenance take up most of the budget & expenditures. The organization has a surplus from 2008. Eilts noted that, given the current economy, it is good to have a cushion.

Chip Long asked a question about why the liability insurance cost went down significantly from one year to another. Wally Rozak answered that in part it was because we got a cheaper policy and in part because of when the premiums were paid during the accounting year.

IV. Old Business:

- a. Summit meeting recap by Terry Tuohy.
The various constituent board members of Uptown United met on April 1st at Wild Pug to bring further definition to mission statements and discuss coordinated internal and external communications strategies.

- b. Public Allies/Litter-Free Project
Rozak noted the budget and timeframe to have the Public Allies program place an Ally (intern) with Uptown United for the academic year 2009-10. The intern would work with Uptown United and various schools to develop and implement an anti-littering educational pilot program. Rozak requested seed funding via the Commissioners toward the Ally's estimated annual stipend of \$16,000 (Public Allies provides benefits, taxes, etc.) The stipend would be split across 2009 and 2010. Uptown United is seeking additional support via corporate and foundation grants.

Motion to support the provide seed funding for the Public Allies Uptown Ally for 2009-2010. Tom Cameron moved to approve \$16,000 funding toward the Public Allies Litter program for 2009-10. Seconded by Long and passed unanimously.

V. New Business:

- a. Question re: insurance from Chip Long (noted above under audit)

VI. Presentation of Streetscape Plans:

Janet Attarian and Glibel Gomez from the City of Chicago Department of Transportation were on hand to discuss the elements and timeframe streetscape planned around the Wilson Yard development. Among the details discussed:

- a.** Streetscape improvements include:
 - i. Planters – a compromise as to how many & their placement. Twelve total planters focused at intersections and where the sidewalk is widest.
 - ii. 30ft x 6ft two trees with perennials. All plantings are self-irrigating.
 - iii. Maintenance agreement for streetscape elements to be reviewed by Uptown United & the SSA Commissioners. The Uptown SSA will be responsible for the maintenance of the planters once they are in. The heaviest maintenance is in the first two years.
 - iv. Treegrates, lightpoles will be similar to streetscapes in other communities.
 - v. There will be a tree roughly every 25 feet.
 - vi. Stamped crosswalks (more durable than previous iterations)
 - vii. Tree grates are 6' x 6' vs. the standard 5 ft due to wider sidewalk
 - viii. Permanent neighborhood identifiers or signs are not included in this project
 - ix. Trash cans are included.
 - x. Bikes racks: Some bike racks are included in the plan. More can be installed.
- b.** Dedicated left turn lane on Broadway between Montrose & Wilson. There will be a right turn from Broadway onto westbound Sunnyside.
- c.** Current 20 foot sidewalks will mostly be narrowed to 15 feet to accommodate addition of center left turn lane, while keeping two lanes of traffic in each direction.
- d.** No apparent vaulted sidewalks in this section of Broadway
- e.** Commercial/patrons/residents/delivery all will enter Wilson Yard via Sunnyside (not sure as to whether vehicles can turn off Montrose into development)
- f.** Parking may be pay and display, but that is in the hands of the private contractor.
- g.** Commissioners spoke in favor of the crosswalk signs that count down. As old signals are removed, they will be replaced with new ones that do count down.

Tuohy noted that Peter Holsten, former Commissioner & developer at Wilson Yard could be invited back to update the Commission on the progress of the development.

VII. Adjournment:

- a.** J. Martin moved to adjourn, seconded by T. Cameron, and passed unanimously at 4:53pm.