

**Uptown Special Service Area (SSA#34)
Advisory Commission Meeting
March 16, 2010, 3:30 pm
Sun Wah BBQ Restaurant
5039-41 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL**

Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Steve Milford (Vice Chair), David Rettker (Treasurer), Margaret Haywood (Secretary), Tom Cameron, Kelly Cheng, Chip Long, Noreen Keeney, Jenny Martin, Marco Morales

Commissioners Absent:

Terry Touhy (President), Warren Preis, Mitch Schneider

Others in Attendance:

Wally Rozak, SSA #34 Administrator, Uptown United
Michael Harrington, Public Ally

Meeting called to order at 3:35pm

- I. Public Input:** None
- II. Review of Minutes:** Minutes were approved unanimously. Moved, Martin, seconded Rettker.
- III. Finance Update:** Rozak reported that the audit will be complete by May. Streets and Sanitation wants to negotiate with the SSAs to get them to take over some of their work, specifically emptying public garbage receptacles. Long asked if Cleanslate was not already doing that. Rozak replied that they service receptacles that are full or almost full. Rettker stated that this would cause the SSA to spend more on cleaning. Rozak responded that the City has just asked to negotiate; they know they can't force the SSAs to pick up this work.
- IV. PINS:** Copies were distributed of the proposals that have been received for to research the Property Identification Numbers (PINs) that make-up the SSA. Rozak stated that he knows all three of the people who responded and that they are all qualified. The lowest bid was from Terra Firma, a firm run by the consultant who set up Uptown's SSA. Long moved to select Terra Firma. The motion was seconded by Rettker and passed unanimously.
- V. Nominating:** Rozak reminded everyone that the ethics forms from the city and county have gone out and need to be returned by all commissioners by May 1, or there will be a fine. There are four openings on the commission and the SSA is particularly weak on representation from the Buena Park area. Some possibilities have been identified. Rozak presented the proposed slate of officers: Terry Touhy, Chair, Steve Milford, Vice-Chair, Dave Rettker, Treasurer, Margaret Haywood, Secretary. Cheng moved to approve the slate. The motion was seconded by Cameron and passed unanimously.

VI. Security Rebate Pilot: One of the projects is moving forward.

VII. Old Business: Public Ally Michael Harrington gave an update on his project litter/recycling education project with Uptown schools. Principals & teachers have noted that recycling of paper is the number one problem. His goal is to get recycling bins donated for all the schools. Approximate cost of the bins is \$1,100 for 160 bins for four schools. He is also working with the Chicago Conservation Corps on developing a method for measuring litter in an area. Cheng suggested we find a way to sell recyclables and channel the funds back into the schools. Long asked if Streets and Sanitation could donate blue recycling bins to the schools. Harrison replied that some of the schools don't have elevators and the city's blue bins are too unwieldy to go up and down stairs. Rozak added that the schools recycling systems are confusing, so what Harrison is working on is restarting them in a way that makes sense.

VIII. New Business

- a. The Target in Wilson Yard will be accepting applications from the community through Alderman Shiller's office until April 1. An online system for everyone will go up April 11.
- b. Rozak will schedule committee meetings in April.

IX. Adjournment:

Rettker moved to adjourn, Cameron seconded, and it was passed unanimously at 4:09pm.