

Advisory Commission Meeting
August 17, 2010, 4:00 pm
Sun Wah BBQ Restaurant
5039-41 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL

Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Terry Touhy (President), Steve Milford (Vice Chair), David Rettker (Treasurer), Margaret Haywood (Secretary), Tom Cameron, Noreen Keeney, Kelly Cheng, Chip Long, Jenny Martin, Warren Preis.

Commissioners Absent:

Marco Morales, Mitch Schneider

Others in Attendance:

Wally Rozak, SSA #34 Administrator & Assistant Director, Uptown United
Alyssa Berman-Cutler, Pres./CEO, Uptown United

Meeting called to order at 4:03pm

- I. Public Input:** None
- II. Introduction of New Uptown United President/CEO:** Alyssa Berman-Cutler was introduced.
- III. Distribution of Financials:** Long asked why the SSA appeared to have lost some money. Rozak replied that it was from people successfully appealing property taxes from previous years. That money is lost to the SSA, although it had previously been projected as revenue.
- IV. Review of Minutes:** Minutes from April 2010 meeting were approved unanimously. Moved Martin, seconded Milford.
- V. Review of Mid-Year Assessment:** Rozak distributed a draft 2010 mid-year assessment form for review. The assessment was approved unanimously. Moved Cheng, seconded Rettker.
- VI. 2010 – 2011 Workplan & Budget:** The final workplan and budget were distributed. Rozak noted that they had not changed significantly from the drafts that were reviewed & approved in April. Both the workplan and budget were approved unanimously. Moved Preis, Rettker seconded.
- VII. Vote on Uptown United as Sole Service Provider:** Uptown United was approved unanimously as sole service provider for the SSA for 2011. Moved Preis, seconded Rettker.

VIII. SSA Administrator Updates

- a. Security Rebate** - Rozak stated that one thing that was learned from the pilot phase is that the rules need to be very clear. There has been a lot of enthusiasm for the project from businesses, but not a lot of follow through in actually completing the rebate application, bids, etc. The committee that was working on this will reconvene. Preis volunteered to be a test case.
- b. Broadway Streetscape** - Work on Broadway slowed because of a strike, but they are working again. Rozak goes to weekly meetings to check on progress. The last thing to be finished is the planters, which the SSA takes over responsibility for. Cleanslate could do the maintenance. Plants will go in this fall.
- c. Public Allies Litter/Schools Program** - A candidate has been interviewed and accepted. Her name is Sana Syal. She is a recent graduate of Ohio State, has organizing, event, and policy experience as well as a passion for environmental issues.
- d. Other** – The City's Farmers' Market location at Weiss Hospital is going well. Milford asked if others were aware of an upswing in break-ins in the area. July's Ribfest did well in Uptown and will probably make money for Business Partners. The new Target opened at Sunnyside & Broadway in late July.

IX. Old Business: None.

X. New Business:

Vietnamese Association of Illinois parking lot – The VAI closed the lot on Winthrop north of Argyle at the beginning of August citing it was not making money. Alyssa Berman-Cutler attended a meeting at Alderman Smith's office about it. VAI is looking for a private company to run the lot. United, the Chamber, various Argyle business, and the Alderman want it to remain in use as a parking lot. It is unclear what will happen with the former Aon parking lots on Broadway. Rozak mentioned that there is the possibility of TIF and/or SSA funding toward managing parking.

XI. Adjournment:

Rettker moved to adjourn, Cheng seconded, and it was passed unanimously at 4:43pm.

Minutes approved at November 10, 2010 meeting.