



**Advisory Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, April 5, 2011  
Sun Wah BBQ Restaurant  
5039-41 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL**

**Minutes**

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Terry Touhy (President), Steve Milford (Vice Chair), Warren Preis, Mitch Schneider

Others in Attendance:

Wally Rozak, SSA #34 Administrator & Assistant Director, Uptown United  
Alyssa Berman-Cutler, Pres/CEO, Uptown United  
Sana Syal, Public Ally/Litter Free Uptown Schools Program

Meeting called to order at 4:32pm

**I. Public Input:** None

**II. Public Allies/Schools Project Update**

Sana Syal gave an update on the program.

When looking at Chicago Public School data, there's been improvement in recycling within Uptown's schools. The large Earth Month event is coming up a Truman College Event on April 8 with classes from McCutcheon & Goudy Schools participating in Three Rs activities (reuse, reduce, recycle): e.g. decoration of grocery bags in conjunction with Jewel-Osco; UI Extension to teach about worm composting; and a recycling at home & pledge. There will be about 10-15 volunteers from Truman's student clubs to help as well. The annual Loyola Earth Day event will be on April 16 10am-3pm "Saving Green Together" includes workshops, activities. Sana is helping coordinate activities and Uptown United will again have a table and display featuring the Winthrop Garden project, and the SSA's work via the Public Allies activities in the schools, and Cleanslate's work.

Berman-Cutler also shared info on the Uptown Day of Service planned via Uptown United's Community Partners group for June 4 to build relationships with resident and social services. Volunteer opportunities at Cornerstone shelter, Peoples Church soup kitchen, Resource Center recycling, Alternatives, and JASC followed by gathering at Crew Bar + Grill.

**III. Review of Minutes**

Minutes from February 2011 meeting were approved unanimously. Moved J. Martin, seconded K. Cheng.

**IV. Distribution of Financials**

Cash flow is negative right now since the first tax installment of paid in 2011 is due April 1 instead of March 1. Rozak reminded everyone that the tax year 2010 1st installment due date was extended by State law from March 1 to April 1 only for this year. Like last year, the 1st installment is 55% of the prior year's total tax paid.

**V. Discussion of Budget/Plan for 2012**

A draft 2012 budget/workplan was presented & discussed. The amount of tax dollars levied would stay about the same as 2011, but more of the overall budget will be funded with carried over monies. More money would be spent for promotion & advertising including promotional events and continued development of 'community portal' type of website. The final budget/plan is due for August submission. Draft 2012 budget/workplan approved unanimously by voice vote; Long moved; Cameron seconded.

**VI. Administrator Updates & Workplan Projects**

**-Community Portal Website Development**

Berman-Cutler discussed the proposal received from Lumity for development of a 'community portal' website that would present timely useful info for visitors, residents, developers, prospective businesses, etc. and asked the Commission to approve \$15,000 toward the portal portion of the site. Approved unanimously by voice vote; Cameron moved, Cheng seconded.

**-Sidewalk Powerwashing & Solar Compacting Receptacle Presentation**

Committee meeting from March 7. Expense for powerwashing sidewalks was shelved for the current year unless there are certain high traffic. More information needed as to how our SSA can get the same discounted purchase price as the City's purchase announced last month.

**-Dog Waste Bag Dispensers**

Rozak asked for approval of approximately \$1700 expense for new bag dispensers and extra rolls of bags. Approved unanimously by voice vote; Long moved, Cameron seconded.

**-Argyle Streetscape Feature**

SSA#34 was asked to assume maintenance for streetscape identifier planned for the Argyle El overpass. Uptown United staff and Commissioners Rettker & Cameron, met with CDOT rep and 48th Ward's Doug Fraser to address these issues of delineation of liability & responsibilities, anticipated expenses for upkeep and maintenance contracts.

**-Candidate Signage on Public Way**

Any and all campaign signage on the public way will be removed by the end of Cleanslate's shift tomorrow.

**VII. Old Business:**

None

**VIII. New Business:**

Next SSA Commission meeting will be April 27th.  
New Mayor and Aldermen will take office on May 16th.

**IX. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Cameron, seconded by Long, approved unanimously at 5:25pm.

*Minutes approved at April 27, 2011 meeting.*