

**Advisory Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 2011**  
**Sun Wah BBQ Restaurant**  
**5039-41 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL**

**Minutes**

Commissioners Present:

Terry Touhy (President), Margaret Haywood (Secretary), Tom Cameron, Kelly Cheng, Chip Long, Jenny Martin, Warren Preis

Commissioners Absent:

Steve Milford (Vice Chair), David Rettker (Treasurer), Noreen Keeney, Marco Morales, 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  
Paula Barrington, Executive Director, Business Partners, Chamber for Uptown  
Bart Eilts, Eilts & Associates CPA  
Jennifer Cooley, Lumity

Meeting called to order at 4:40pm

**I. Public Input:** None

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

Sana Syal gave an update on the program. There were two recent successful Earth Day events. One was with 150 students from Goudy & McCutcheon Schools at Truman College. The second was our participation in the North Lake Shore Earth Day held on the Loyola University campus. Hundreds were in attendance, many food donations from restaurants, vendors and workshops. Uptown United had a booth at the event.

Syal is also working getting students involved with Cleanslate and neighborhood clean-up activities (e.g. beaches, parks & playlots)

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.

Berman-Cutler also talked about a recent Development Partners meeting with Jam Productions Jerry Mickleson and Phil Tagami who may be working in partnership with Jam to restore & reopen the Uptown Theatre. Tagami, who had renovated the Fox Theatre in Oakland, California, is still in his due diligence period.

Paula Barrington, new Executive Director of Uptown Business Partners, introduced herself to the Commissioners.

Uptown United sent a proposal to the CTA regarding the public market concept.

Berman-Cutler also gave an update on the change of ownership for the former Aon properties on the 5000 block of Broadway. She invited all to a Development Partners meeting on May 11 at 8:30 with the new owner.

**III. Review of Minutes**

Minutes from April 5, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously. Moved T. Cameron, seconded Preis.

**IV. Distribution of Financials & 2010 Audit**

Bart Eilts of Eilts & Associates CPA was in attendance. He reviewed the audit with Commissioners & noted a clean finding. The 2010 audit was accepted & approved unanimously by voice vote; Cheng moved; Cameron seconded.

**V. Administrator Updates & Workplan Projects**

**-Community Portal Website Development**

Berman-Cutler introduced Jennifer Cooley of Lumity who gave an overview of the community portal site and the development phases of its architecture & content development.

**-Argyle Street Identifier**

There is no new info from CDOT rep as to anticipated expenses for upkeep and maintenance contracts. Staff will follow up with new Alderman Harry Osterman

**-Security System Rebate**

Rozak met with applicant Bomberg & OEMC reps yesterday. Rozak is working with T. Cameron on draft 'hold harmless' form for use with rebate applicants.

**-Beautification Projects**

Committee to meet next month to explore planters, permanent identifiers.

**VI. Old Business:**

**-Nomination Committee**

Meeting to be scheduled in May.

**VII. New Business:**

-Next SSA Commission meeting will be July 13.

-All are invited to a meeting with both new Alderman at a joint boards meeting of Business Partners & Uptown United. May 2, 12 noon, Bridgeview Bank Conference Center.

-Tuohy noted Uptown Farmers Market will open outdoors on June 23 in the Weiss Hospital parking lot.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Cheng, seconded by Preis, approved unanimously at 5:25pm.

*Minutes approved at July 13, 2011 meeting.*