

SSA #34 Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2008 – 3:30pm

Aon/Combined Insurance

5050 N. Broadway

1st Floor, Personnel Conference Room

Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Marty Kelly (President), Terry Tuohy (Vice President), Margaret Haywood (Secretary), David Rettker (Treasurer), Tom Cameron, Eric Cheng, Chip Long, Jennifer Martin, Ray Rickert

Commissioners Absent:

Peter Holsten, Steve Milford, Warren Preis

Others in attendance:

Joyce Dugan, CEO, Uptown United

Wally Rozak, SSA #34 Administrator, Uptown United

Kelly Cheng, Sun-Wah BBQ, 1134 W. Argyle St.

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm

1. Public Input: 3:30 – 3:45 pm

No Public Input

2. Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2008

Rettker moved to approve, seconded by Rickert. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

3. Changes to Composition of Commission

Three new people pending

Rozak listed individuals who have expressed interest in joining the Advisory Commission and have submitted the necessary paperwork: Regina Parker-Robertz of from Buena Park, Mitch Schneider from Asian American Institute, and Chuck Lawrence from the Times Square Apartments. These three individuals are still waiting for approval from the Chicago City Council. Kelly asked how these additions would help diversify the commission. Rozak noted that we will have two more from the southern part of the SSA (south of Montrose). Mitch Schneider works at Broadway/Lawrence and lives near Truman College on the western part of Wilson.

Rozak listed the people whose terms expire in October: Tom Cameron, Peter Holsten, Marty Kelly, Steve Milford, Warren Pries, Dave Rettker and Ray Rickert. He asked those people to notify him by June 1 if they wished to serve again. Tom asked if people should sign up for another term and the consensus was yes.

Given that Marty Kelly will be unable to serve on the commission after June 30, There was a discussion about how to handle succession. Motion by Cameron that Terry Tuohy as current

Vice President, would step up to serve as President until October, when a new slate would be proposed and that the Vice President position remain unfilled for the interim. Seconded by Long, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commission agreed in concept to encourage volunteers who meet standard of Commissioners (ownership/tenancy within SSA boundaries) to fill out various committees or workgroups.

4. Ethics Considerations

Rozak thanked all the sitting commissioners for submitting their ethics paperwork filed in time to meet the May 1st deadline.

5. 2007 Audit

Rettker presented the audit and asked everyone to read the audit notes. Kelly pointed out that the account exceeded the FDIC insurance level (\$100,000) during the year. Dugan & Rozak will look into the option of having an interest bearing account. Dugan said that there is a lot of money management involved to deal with cash flow and that the SSA will have its own fund management system separate from Uptown United set up in Quickbooks. Rettker moved to approve the 2007 audit, Cameron seconded, and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

6. Draft 2009 Budget & Workplan

Both are due July 11. Rozak has asked for a late June commission meeting to address the '09 Budget & Workplan. It will be Monday, June 23, 2008, at 4:00 pm at 5050 N. Broadway.

Rozak will send out RFPs for street cleaning and snow removal, seeking three vendors each. These two costs make up 75% of the budget. For snow removal, we are looking for the same Nov. 15 to March 15 coverage, with the option to add per occurrence when snow is over 3".

7. Programs/Other Issues

*** Powerwashing**

Sidewalk powerwashing is beginning on Wilson Ave. next week.

*** Family Fair Programming – June 28**

There will be activities for children. The Chamber will coordinate sidewalk sales the same day. Commission voted unanimously in favor to set aside \$500 to support safety related programming at the Family Fair.

*** Big Belly compacting trash bins**

Discussion of potentially piloting "Big Belly" solar powered trash compactors which require fewer pick-ups. The SSA could decide to purchase a one or two each year as enhancement to the trash bins already provided by the city. Consensus of commission to discuss further and to include on July 21st agenda.

*** Litter Free Zone**

Dugan and Rozak related meeting regarding Auburn-Gresham "litter-free zone" project with local schools for 2009 and beyond.

*** Banners**

\$4,000 remains budgeted for purchase of additional street banners to fill in areas within the SSA where private businesses did not purchase banners. Suggestions for messages at the bottoms of the banners should be submitted to Rozak. The commission will decide on slogans by the June meeting.

Next Meeting: Special Meeting to approve the final 2009 Budget & Workplan, 4:00 pm, 6/23/08 at 5050 N. Broadway.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously at 4:58 pm.