

**Andersonville SSA #22
Commission Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2016**

Attending: Barbara Boba, Farah Essa, Pete Valavanis, Andy Peters, Mike Sullivan

Not Attending: Rolando Esparza, Tad Tanaka

Also Attending: Kyle Smith, Nick Wolff, Michael Ashkenasi

Call to order

- Barbara called to order.

Welcome & Introductions

- Andy Peters introduced himself as a new SSA Commissioner, pending approval

Approval of last meeting's minutes

- Pete motioned. Farah seconded. Minutes approved.

Financial report

- Kyle reported that everything is within budget for the year. The TIF rebate came in over the last several weeks.

Services report

- Marketing and promotion: Kyle reported that the Andersonville Neighborhood Guide was supplied to 150 businesses in the district.
- Snow plowing: Kyle announced that a \$6,000 credit from Patch landscaping will be applied to future contracts.
- Green building: Michael reported on handouts for the electrical usage of 3 buildings. 92% savings in 3 months for an overall savings of \$500. 5 projects are ongoing.
- People spots: The Pastoral People Spot is looking worn, so Michael is looking for design ideas. Edgewater Produce is not happy with its people spot and the 48th Ward Office has asked for it to be shortened. Michael has a quote of approximately \$1100. 48th Ward wants us to be responsive to the concerns of a business. In the future, we need the OK from businesses before we install the People Spot as well as the Alderman's office. Farah and Andy will talk to Pete if

not OK with this. SSA Commission consensus was that shortening the spot set a bad precedent for future years. Mike proposed that an SSA Commissioner talk to Pete, while Kyle or Michael created a better policy for future years. If Pete cannot be convinced, then the SSA will release \$1100 to shorten the spot. It was decided that Farah will talk to Pete. Pete V approved and Farah seconded.

- Bicycle enhancements: Lucas installing. Mike asked if we could receive a new bike corral. It may be easier to work through the city to relocate one. Michael will work on this next year.
- Façade Incentive Program: \$5,000 in commitments to Hopleaf, Orange Fitness, and Andy's Restaurant.
- Tenant Attraction: Many new businesses working with ACC. Possible new business in Uptown coming here.
- Sidewalk cleaning: There were 2 complaints this year. The windows at T-Mobile were not washed down and the intersection of Balmoral/Ashland was not touched. Michael shared research on the number of overflowing cans.
- Landscaping: Gesthamane is doing a great job. Michael talked about a fence of flowers along the Jewel parking lot fence.
- Streetscape repairs: Mike Lucas is working on the streetscape maintenance that was suggested last meeting. It is a 3 day project.

Commissioners

- Andy Peters was introduced as a new commissioner between Bryn Mawr and Catalpa
- Kyle will explore what steps need to be taken with the resignation of Tad Tanaka
- Kyle talked to Jim Thybony on joining the commission

Next meeting

- The next meeting will be on October 17

Adjournment

- Farah called to adjourn. Pete seconded.