

Commissioners:

Andersonville SSA #22

Rolando Esparza
Property owner, 5643 N. Clark

Farah Essa
*Lake Shore Schools/
Property owner, 5611 N. Clark*

Mike Sullivan
*The SOFO TAP, 4923 N. Clark/
Property Owner*

Andy Peters
TrueNorth, 5507 N. Clark

Pete Valavanis
Property owner, 5225 N. Clark

Nadeen Kieren
Property owner, 5357 N. Ashland

Staff:

Sara Dinges
Executive Director

Joelle Scillia
Director of Marketing

David Oakes
Business Services Manager

Laura Austin
Community and Events Manager

Commissioners attending: Farah Essa, Pete Valavanis, Rolando Esparza, and Nadeen Kieren

Andersonville Chamber Staff: Sara Dinges and David Oakes

Commissioners not attending: Mike Sullivan, and Andy Peters

Call to Order at 9:10 AM by Esparza. Kieren second.

Motion to approve last July 9th meeting minutes by Kieren. Valavanis second. July 9th meeting minutes approved.

Financial Report

P&L

P&L is on track. We have yet to receive TIF money reimbursement.

Streetscape elements are higher this year due to the installation of our last kiosk, repairs on the planters, and better maintenance practices.

Façade Rebates for Lost Larson and Andersonville Galleria have been paid.

We have not received our bill from pressure washing. There were a number of discrepancies and their contract hasn't been complete with no evidence of photos or reports from their time on pressure washing Clark Street. We will follow up before November.

Motion to approve Financial Report by Valavanis. Kieren second. Financial Report approved.

2019 RFPs

Streetscape Maintenance and Landscaping RFP

Kieren and an Andersonville Chamber staff member took a walk about the district to get a sense of the current state of south of foster, post construction, as well as the general health of the street scape. Restoration of our streetscape will begin with a strong General Contractor and Landscaping plan for the future. They're assessment includes:

1. Planters are out of touch with what is possible for a vibrant streetscape element.
2. What determines the watering schedule and how is quantifying watering done.
3. Compare planters with other neighborhoods
4. Pavers throughout the district need repair, replacement, or alignment.

5. Construction work (all utility work) should have a contract agreement to restore district.
6. Better communication and planning will help guide restoration from alterations of the streetscape.

Snow Removal

-Cleanslate by Cara offers Snow Removal that is an extension to litter abatement program. They use snow blowers on the street to remove snow and follow up with a deicer. Uptown currently uses this approach.

-Andersonville is very dense, vibrant district that might prove too difficult or efficient to proceed in this manner of snow removal.

-Business owners are used to seeing the plow and it depend on it for when it snows over 2".

Holiday

Andersonville has been decorating the district the same way for quite a few years and the business owners have been asking for a refresher to the standard greens, ribbon, and lights. We have been gathering as much information as possible to understand the beast that is holiday decorations for the past 5 months. Holiday decorations cost a lot of money to outfit our district. This will lead us to potentially raise money for them in installments. We are looking at a few options to help us get to what the look of holiday can become in the next few years. They are as followed:

1. Purchase snowflakes that will be displayed on the big poles (60 for all major intersections)
2. Use Frasier Fir and lights on the ornamental poles
3. Use Deco mesh ribbon and lights on poles
4. Just have lights on poles

Pros and cons to all of the options. Will people get tired of the snowflakes after a few years? How do we transition to what we currently do to what we would like to see for the future of the light post-holiday installations?

Holiday Planters

We will set a meeting with Gethsemane Garden Center about our decorations for the holiday. There will be construction after the first of the year and we need to factor that in for the district.

Customer Attraction

Andersonville Arts Week-WBEZ and Windy City Times

Trolley-Small Business Attraction and Late Nights December.

Service Report

Public Way Aesthetics

Weeding has been done north of Foster by Patch Landscaping.

Façade Rebate Program/Green Building Incentive Program:

Lost Larson has finalized their Façade and Green Building Rebates by submitting verification of payment and were issued their rebate.

The Andersonville Galleria has successfully finished their façade rebate process.

Applications for review-None at this time.

Public Art Rebate Program-The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce has launched a Public Art Rebate Program to help businesses that wish to fund public art for their businesses. Up to a \$1000 rebate will be allocated to those that meet requirements set by the SSA 22 commission.

Sustainability-Nothing to report at this time

Economic Development and Business Development- We have updated our business attraction guide. It was last updated in 2014 and the new one will match the look and feel of our 2018-2019 Neighborhood Guide.

We have scheduled a Commercial Broker and a Property Owner Social event for October 4, from 7-8:30 PM to bring together brokers, alderman, and new business to look at the current trends and help identify those businesses that are needed in the neighborhood.

Safety Programs

Andersonville introduced a Security Incentive Program to help deter shoplifting, loitering, property destruction and overall neighborhood safety.

This program would assist in providing a rebate of up to \$750 incentive to businesses along the SSA.

- Program Assistance/Outline
- Quality of Camera
- Timeline of the program, permits, installation, connect to the city.
- Rights of business and pedestrians
- Program will launch in August.

SSA Management- We are looking for candidates for SSA 22's commission

Personnel-Nothing to report at this time.

Next meeting –Possibly switching meetings to Tuesdays, November 13, 2018 at 9:00AM.

Adjournment

1. Esparza motioned to adjourn. Valavanis second. Meeting adjourned.