



SSA#26 Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

3:00 PM

Edgewater Chamber of Commerce
1210 W. Rosedale, Chicago, IL 60660

Commissioners in attendance: Jenny Yang, Rae Ann Cercle, Helen Cameron, Jill Metz

Staff in attendance: Katrina Balog, Rachael Burs

1. Call to Order / Jill Metz - 3:08
2. Adoption of Agenda - Helen Cameron moves, Rae Ann Cercle seconds
3. Programs and Projects
 - a. Events - Peterson Garden Project plant sale - Helen moves to fund the proposal, Rae Ann seconds, the motion passed.
 - b. Tree care - proposals presented by Rachael Burs via chart for apples-to-apples comparison of bids from 5 contractors (Bartlett, BrightView, Diaz Group, SavATree, TSI). Rachael recommends Bartlett on the strength of the recommendation of other SSA manager references, as well as the flexible budget and the large amount of data collected. After comparing the merits of the proposals and the prices of the bids, Helen and Jenny Yang both find the scope of the Barlett bid most well-rounded and Jenny notes the clear communication as a plus. Jill recommends asking Bartlett about a three-year agreement to secure the package pricing. Helen moves to hire Bartlett with the full proposed tree care package and the recommendation to negotiate 3 year term with option to cancel. Jenny seconds. The motion passed.
4. Katrina-- bump out plantings: Katrina reports that after presenting the commission's request to use our signature planters for the bump outs on Elmdale rather than planting in ground, Dan Luna answered that the City is concerned for safety regarding the eyeline and insists on ground level so he'll offer it to the area volunteers. Katrina recommends that we do the planting because we'll have more control over how they look, even though commission agreed at the previous meeting that they don't like the look of the in-ground planting. Jill suggests letting the volunteers do it and having the SSA take it over if it looks bad. Helen points out that it's not a good location for plant life and doubts how the plants will fare; it's a better place for shade perennials, if anything. Rachael suggests mosaic work from local artist Jim Bachor who works in cement; the 48th Ward Arts Committee was asked to support his work, so there may be buy in at the Alderman's office. Helen knows Jim and likes the idea; Rachael will follow up with Dan Luna.
5. Adjournment - Helen moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m., Rae Ann

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seconded. The motion passed.