

DRAFT SSA #26 Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Location: Edgewater Chamber of Commerce 1210 West Rosedale, Chicago, Illinois 60660

Purpose of Meeting: SSA #26 Commission Meeting

Commissioners in attendance

Jill Metz, Chairman
John Vranas, Vranas and Chioros
Rae Ann Cecrle, B&R Developers
Jenny Yang, Phoenix Bean Tofu
Helen Cameron, Uncommon Ground
Tina Travlos-Nihlean via cell phone, Edgewater Development Corporation
Staff

Jennifer Hackman, Economic Development Manager, Edgewater Chamber of Commerce Melissa Franada, Marketing and Events Coordinator, Edgewater Chamber of Commerce **Public**

Claire Tobin, Economic Development Corporation

- 1. Meeting called to order, 3:11pm
- 2. **Adoption of the Agenda** John moved to approve agenda, Helen seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.
- 3. **Approval of June minutes** John moved to approve the minutes, with one spelling correction. Rae Ann seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.
- 4. **Presentation of Financials** Jennifer presented the financials. The Commissioners also discussed property tax bills and their support for real estate tax workshops, especially marketed to property owners in the SSA. Jill asked if there were any questions on the provided materials. John moved to accept the Financials, Jenny seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.
- 5. Approval of Proposed SSA 2017 Budget, Workplan and Sole Service Provider Jennifer announced that the City notified her that the 2016 Levy (for the 2017 budget) must be calculated by using the 2015 Levy and subtracting the TIF Rebate amount. She has adjusted section 2.00 Public Way Aesthetics to meet the required levy. She noted that the Budget and Workplan was presented to Alderman Osterman. He asked if the SSA Commission had discussed Safety. The Commissioners discussed Safety and agreed that the SSA should not include budget

for Safety, and that the City should provide the security necessary to protect residents and businesses. John Vranas moved to approve the 2017 SSA #26 Budget, the 2017 SSA #26 Workplan and the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce as the Sole Service Provider of SSA #26. Helen seconded the motion, and the motion passed .

- 6. **Approval of Attendance Policy** Jennifer reviewed the proposed Bylaws which include the following changes: Article I, Section 4.0 Levy; Article I, Section 5.0 Bylaws; and Article IV, Section 4.0 Attendance. There was no discussion. Tina Travlos-Nihlean moved to approve the updated Bylaws. Helen Cameron seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 7. **Program and City Project Updates** Jennifer discussed:
 - a. Power washing on Broadway; recommended to continue this on an annual basis.
 - b. Touch-up painting is occurring this week for all SSA #26 trash receptacles, black bike racks and black sign poles.
 - c. Light poles on Thorndale and Granville. A bid was received for \$4,000 to paint the light poles. Several Commissioners noted they would like to see these light poles painted.
 - d. Bike racks: Jennifer discussed that another set of racks will be ordered; she estimated that 6 circle racks and 6 Edgewater racks will be ordered.
 - e. Tree pits are being weeded this week.
 - f. The Rogers Edge banners will be installed next week.
 - g. Broadway light poles still in the process of being painted. The Commission discussed ways to discourage the taping of flyers to light poles and encouraged staff to continue efforts to strongly discourage this activity.
 - h. A tree care and maintenance RFP was submitted to a number of landscape companies this week and is due back on July 20. Jennifer informed the Committee that the City of Chicago has added resources to manage tree trimming, and a number of tree requests have been made to the City which are anticipated for a Spring 2017 planting; however, the City cares for new trees for two years. Therefore, the SSA may want to consider including tree care to its list of annual services.
- 8. **New Business -** None to report.
- 9. **Public Input** -None to report.
- 10. **Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.