



SSA 26 BROADWAY

SSA #26 Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 15, 2017

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

Helen Cameron, Uncommon Ground

Rae Ann Cercle, B&R Developers

Tina Travlos-Nihlean, Edgewater Development Corporation (via mobile phone)

Staff

Katrina Balog, Executive Director, Edgewater Chamber of Commerce

Melissa Franada, Marketing and Events Coordinator, Edgewater Chamber of Commerce

Rachael Burs, Project Coordinator, Edgewater Chamber of Commerce

Public

Bob Wissmann, A.C.T. Group

Claire, Edgewater Development Corporation

1. **Meeting called to order**, - Jill called meeting to order, John Vranas moved to call, Rae Ann Cercle seconded and none opposed at 3:09pm
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** - Rae Ann Cercle moved to approve agenda, Helen Cameron seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.
3. **Approval of January minutes** - moved to approve, seconded, all approved, and the motion passed. None opposed.
4. **Presentation of Financials** - Katrina Balog discussed P&L. Upcoming expenses: WBEZ, tree-trimming, snow removal. Tina Travlos-Nihlean snow removal on Bryn Mawr was not satisfactory. The group discussed Clean Street's actions for snow removal for the most recent situations. Jill Metz mentioned that the emails from KB were helpful. Rachael Burs asked about the clarification about the communication around the time frame for the snow removal. Helen Cameron discussed the difference between their Clark and Devon locations. John Vranas asked about where the measurements are taken to determine to height - Broadway, at McDonalds. Jill Metz mentioned that the first initial email at the beginning of the season is a good way to set expectations. John Vranas agreed. Make the emails concise and direct. Katrina Balog discussed

vendor detail. John Vranas asked about deduction detail, if the SSA is aware of the locations of tax incomes.

5. **Audit** - Bob from A.C.T. discussed the audit; came back clean. Final audit may be coming in a more condensed form. City of Chicago sent in letter about 2016 Final Budget submittal. John Vranas asked about revenue expenses on page 4 about 2015 taxes received in 2016 and the timing for 2017. Jill Metz requested a motion for the Audit to be approved. Rae Ann Cercle motioned, Helen Cameron seconded, all approved, none opposed. Motion passed at 322pm.
6. **Selection of Snow Removal Contractor** -
 - a. Events - Jill Metz requested for a motion to approve the four applications presented. John Vranas motioned. Tina Travlos-Nihlean seconded and the motion passed at 418pm
 - i. Pivot Arts: Mission is to produce innovative performance; example to Live Talks at Uncommon Ground, includes audience participation to build community and conversation; Pivot Arts Festival started in 2013, with SSA funding in 2016 and 2015. Strives easy access to local performance in addition to incorporating local businesses, like including Independent Spirits. The intent isn't to simply ask for money or sponsorship. Helen Cameron discussed the positives of having the Live Talks at Uncommon Ground. The group discussed the vibrancy and culture evolution. Pivot Arts long-term goal is to have a physical space. Concerns were voiced that some of the location sites are not in the SSA.
 - ii. EAIM: Rae Ann Cercle discussed the upcoming news with EAIM. The Gallery will be opening soon. Chicago Mosaic School grand opening in conjunction with the Gallery. Granville will be cross-promoting and marketing together as a community. Working to integrate businesses and additional community groups.
 - iii. EF: include more local businesses, local artisans and non-profit organizations. August 5th and 6th. LY traffic was down, but there were a few things that could have contributed to that trend.
 - iv. FNO: Rae Ann Cercle, Helen Cameron discussed the pros of having the groups in the Chamber. Keep in mind scheduling and opportunities.
 - b. Facade Program - Edge of Sweetness
 - c. Sidewalk Cafes - two applicants: Ellipses on Devon and Kitchen Sink on Berwyn; other possibilities. There would be enough for 33 cafes.
 - d. EYSS - June 3rd; permits for businesses; Helen Cameron and Rae Ann Cercle discussed having more vendors in their parking lot.
7. **Select next meeting date** -
8. **New business** - Dan Luna communicated new bump outs near Elmdale and Broadway. The City offered to do the first round of the planting. But Jill Metz and John Vranas were very adamant about the maintenance - fine to approve the bump outs, but want to have SSA planters placed on concrete. Tina Travlos-Nihlean also commented on the maintenance and agreed that the soil is a terrible idea.

9. **Public input** -

10. **Announcements**

- a. TekkEez
- b. Chicago Mosaic School
- c. International Dinner Crawl recap
- d. WBEZ ad-buy is starting tomorrow

11. **Adjournment** - Jill Metz requested a motioned to John adjourn. Tina Travlos-Nihlean seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 437pm.