



MINUTES
SSA #26 Commission
WED 2/14/2024

Edgewater Chamber of Commerce
1210 W. Rosedale Ave.
1:00 PM

Attendees: Margaret Haggerty, Kate Merrill, Jill Metz, Jenny Yang, Daryl Sneed
Staff: Garrett Karp
Guests: Ben Rees (McMaster Properties), Joe Mataj (Little Corner Restaurant), Jorge Soto (48th Ward)

- 1) Call to Order at 12:10am by MH
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Review and Approve DECEMBER meeting minutes

Motion to approve by DS, Second by MH, 4 in favor (JM abstains) – approved

- 4) Review and Approve of Financials through 12/31/23 and 1/31/24

Motion to approve by DS, Second by MH, 4 in favor (JM abstains) - approved

- 5) Façade Rebate – 5937 N. Broadway (Little Corner Restaurant)

Maximum Request: \$5,000

- BR mentions that this is replacing the former awning which fell into disrepair and needs to be entirely replaced

Motion to approve by JM, Second by DC, all in favor - approved

- GK mentions that this is a pre-approval. After work is completely staff will inspect work and issue check

- 6) 2024 Events

- GK went over list of 2023 events with Commission to gain clarity on last year's involvement and SSA funding
- GK mentioned that Chamber would likely come to SSA with a funding proposal for Farmers Market at Bands on Broadway at next meeting
- GK would like to reimplement public-facing events grant application that any orgs (including chamber) would need to submit for SSA funding requests

7) 2023 Annual Report

- GK brought up that SSAs are typically required to do an annual report
- GK would like to check with DPD to see how necessary that is in a year where org didn't have staff or follow through with many initiatives
- If SSA 26 is required to do one, the simplest digital report would be preferred by the commission, a full packet or mailer is expensive and unnecessary this year

8) Other outstanding 2024 projects

- GK mentioned that there were several marketing/branding projects and corridor studies in progress in 2023 with the last staff and that most of them would be on pause for the time being until the chamber has a full staff
- GK said that Loyola and Rogers Park Business Alliance would like to press forward with Elevate Devon implementation and that there might be some proposals for the Commission at upcoming meetings – including Devon branding

9) Public Comment

- Jorge introduced himself and brought up several topics that 48th ward is focused on
- JS Also asked for more details about rebate programs and SSA involvement in trash pickup and other initiatives