



MINUTES  
SSA #26 Commission  
WED 4/22/2026

Edgewater Chamber of Commerce  
1210 W. Rosedale Ave.  
3:00 PM

In attendance:

Commission: Margaret Hagerty, Chair; Rajan Shahi, Daryl Sneed

Staff: Garrett Karp, Executive Director; Jessica Wobbekind, Director of Community Development

- 1) Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m. by MH
- 2) The Commission reviewed the January 28, 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the January 28, 2026 meeting minutes by MH, Second by DS, All in favor.

- 3) The Commission reviewed the financials reports through 3/31/26
  - a. Audit Update – the Cook County Treasurer’s report is still delayed, the audit deadline has been extended without final date from the City.
  - b. Commissioners should start thinking about the 2027 Budget.

Motion to approve the financial reports through March 31, 2026 by MH, Second by DS, All in favor.

- 4) The Commission reviewed the 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report.

Motion to approve the 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report as presented by MH, Second by DS, All in favor.

- 5) Chamber update, delivered by GK
  - a. Past events:
    - i. The Indoor Market went really well. There were 5 markets in total, approximately 2,500 people attended per market.
      1. The giveaway (dad hats) was a big hit.
    - ii. The Chamber hosted a morning networking event at Colvin House, there were about 60 attendees.
  - b. Upcoming networking events include the Lytle House in May and Tesfa in June.
    - i. The Annual Meeting will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lytle House before the networking event, this is open only to members and is free.
  - c. The Chamber has a lot of other events coming up, including:

- i. Edgewater Monday Market, beginning June 1. Staff has started the marketing push, a press release will go out next week.
  - ii. The sidewalk sale is 6/6, this is at the same time as the Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale. 16-17 businesses participated last year, it was a good event. It is free for members.
  - iii. Edgewater Music Fest planning is well underway. The sponsorship is going really well this year, a new presenting sponsor, Victory Honda, has been secured. Four times more vendors have signed up so far compared to the same time last year.
  - iv. The Chamber is producing a printed guide with Town Square Publications. This is the first time in a long time that the Chamber has produced a printed guide. It will be completed before the festival.
  - v. The Chamber is hiring a new position. Interviewing is in process.
- 6) Elevate Devon progress update
  - a. Still waiting on permitting with the City for the crosswalks to be funded with the AARP grant
- 7) SSA Program Updates, delivered by JW
  - a. Reconstitution Update
    - i. The first community meeting was held virtually on April 16. It went well.
    - ii. The second meeting will be in person at the library on April 23.
    - iii. The most important task is signature collection.
  - b. The Commissioners reviewed a request from the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward for more garbage cans in the SSA.
    - i. The ward is offering to purchase more garbage cans to place in the SSA district if the SSA will agree to maintain and service them.
    - ii. MH explains that the SSA had 13 cans in the SSA and they became an issue with servicing and complaints. The SSA voted to remove the cans and increase litter abatement services instead. They believe it is a more effective use of funding.
    - iii. JW will getting pricing on increasing service per day, increasing around the Bryn Mawr and Granville L stations which seem to be the source of most complaints and pricing for servicing garbage cans. The Commission will review this at the next meeting.
  - c. Events Updates, the Chamber has requests for funding.
    - i. In 2024 and 2025, the SSA provided \$5,000 in funding for the Monday Market for music and marketing. The Chamber is requesting the same funding for 2026.

Motion to fund the entertainment and marketing for the Monday Market in an amount of \$5,000 from line item 1.02 (Special Events). Motion by MH, Second by DS, All in favor.

- ii. In 2025, the SSA sponsored the Edgewater Music Fest for \$35,000 broken down by \$30,000 from Special Events, \$2,000 from Display Advertising and \$3,000 from PR/Media. This year the Chamber is requesting a total of \$43,000.

Motion to fund the Edgewater Music Fest in the amount of \$36,000 from line item 1.02 (Special Events), \$2,000 from line item 1.08 (Display Advertising) and \$5,000 from line item 1.09 (PR/Media) for a total of \$43,000. Motion by MH, Second by DS, All in favor.

- iii. The Chamber is planning a Pride event in partnership with the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward and some businesses on Bryn Mawr, including SOUNDOFF, Hamburger Mary's and Hooked on Fish. This is a 2 part event- one part will take place in the private parking lot behind the 1055 W Bryn Mawr building and will be a 21+ event with a stage, DJs and alcohol sales. Hamburger Mary's is taking the lead and working on that permit. The other event is a family-friendly, open to the public event on Winthrop, just off Bryn Mawr, and will feature some local food vendors and retail vendors. The Chamber is taking the lead on this part and is requesting funding.

Motion to fund an Edgewater Pride event in the amount of \$2,000 from line 1.02 (Special Events) by MH, Second by RS, DS recused himself, All in favor.

- d. Rebate program updates
  - i. 2 sidewalk café rebates have been awarded and 3 more are in process.
- e. Commissioner Updates
  - i. Jill Metz has resigned.
  - ii. JW reminds all the Commissioners to get their ethics training done by the deadline.
- f. Streetscape elements
  - i. Staff is proposing to replace 2 adirondack chairs and to add 1.

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of 3 Adirondack chairs in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 from line item 2.05 (Streetscape Elements). Motion by MH, Second by DS, All in favor

- g. Public Art
  - i. RFPs were received for the murals at 5353 N Broadway and 6116-18 N Broadway. No selection was made. JW will work with wall owners to select.

Motion to approve the funding of the installation of two murals in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from line item 2.06 (public art).

- h. Banner updates
  - i. Holiday snowflake banners were removed and replaced with the "Broadway" banners.
  - ii. A few banners were damaged and replaced.

i. Contract Updates

- i. Landscaping – spring plantings were installed early this month, they are filling in nicely.
- ii. Litter Abatement – staff is monitoring Cleanslate to make sure areas aren't missed.

8) Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:12 p.m. by MH, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned.