

SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting 4747 W. Peterson 2nd Floor Conference Room January 15, 2019, 7:30 a.m.

Shop Sauganash Mission

Our vision is to create a gateway to the Sauganash business community by attracting commercial development, encouraging retail spending, creating new restaurants and transforming and enhancing existing retail and service space within the underutilized Cicero Avenue business corridor between Devon and Peterson. Provide a safe, attractive, friendly and hassle-free experience for pedestrians, cyclists, commuters, shoppers and local workers.

Public comment is encouraged throughout the meeting. The Chair will recognize non-commission members as appropriate. Non-commission members wishing to address the commission should so signify by raising their hand in order to be recognized by the Chair. The Chair will have discretion to limit discussion.

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:37. Commissioners present were Jeanne Marie Jardien, Marcia Jimenez, Alfred Klairmont, Chairman Jay Smith, and Patrick Tarpey. Quorum was present. Jennifer Herren was also present. All parties signed in and stated their names.

II. Meeting Minutes

All parties reviewed the minutes from the November 20 Commission meeting. Al Klairmont made a motion to approve, with the following correction:

a. Beautification – Due to good weather last summer, actual landscaping costs were higher lower than projections. Any surplus will be applied toward 2019 landscaping. Pat Tarpey seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Chamber of Commerce Report

The SSA #62 Annual Report will be published to substantiate district investments during the course of the first half of the SSA's term. The report will be available online and in a print edition to be distributed throughout the district during the first quarter of 2019. We will work with Nadig Newspapers to place an article on SSA #62's progress since its constitution in 2014.

A fresh batch of service requests were sent to Alderman Laurino.

IV. Reports of Committees (3-5 min/committee)

Beautification –The Winter 2018/2019 landscaping initiative of live junipers, pine boughs, birch logs and dogwood branches was installed the week of November 12 in 36 sidewalk planters prior to the Holiday Lighting ceremony. This represents twice as many planters as last season, due to the recent purchase of 18 additional sidewalk urns.

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Beautification (cont.) – Commissioner Klairmont reported that the zoning variance for the 4801 W. Peterson property was approved. The next step is to secure a building permit. Architectural drawings are being finalized with a scheduled ground-breaking for summer of 2019. This influx of retail will vitalize the area. The timing and installation of the gateway project will need to be coordinated carefully to coincide with this project.

Finance – A copy of the November and December bank statements were distributed, along with a copy of the December Chamber reimbursement receipt, and the invoices/payments made for seasonal advertising, winter landscaping, insurance and the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit.

V. Old Business

2018 Budget

Pat Tarpey made a motion to expend \$36,000 from remaining 2018 funds toward the 3rd community identifier.

Jeanne Marie Jardien seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Community Identifier – The commission will send a written request to CDOT for an invoice for the initial payment for the 3rd SSA Community Identifier, slated to be installed in fall of 2019 on the west side of the 5900 block of Cicero.

VI. New Business

2019 Budget - The next installment will occur in March.

District Management – Long standing issues such as the dented signal box, the safety striping at the Cicero Peterson intersection and the burnt out streetlights need to be expedited with the 39th Ward office.

VII. Adjourn

Al Klairmont made a motion to adjourn.

Pat Tarpey seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.