



SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting
4747 W. Peterson
2nd Floor Conference Room
June 16, 2020, 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 via Zoom and teleconference were Mario Correa, Marcia Jimenez, Alfred Klairmont, Jay Smith and Patrick Tarpey. Quorum was present. Adam Roberts and Jennifer Herren were also present. All parties signed in and stated their names.
- II. Meeting Minutes
The May 19 meeting minutes were reviewed.
Pat Tarpey made a motion to approve.
Marcia Jimenez seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Chamber of Commerce Report
The Starbucks in Edgebrook on Devon and Central has closed as a part of corporate restructuring to provide more mobile app.-based pick up and carry out service, as opposed to the original coffee house business model.

Sauganash Cleaners is shutting its doors, as its owner is retiring after many years of dedicated service to the Sauganash community.

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

Beautification – A beautification walk was conducted wherein 50 outstanding issues including missing trees, damaged ADA sidewalks, and fallen signs in the business district were identified. We will work with the 39th Ward office to log these these service requests and forward to the City for resolution.

Finance – A copy of the May 2020 bank statement was distributed.

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V. Old Business

2021 Budget – A budget meeting was held with the Finance Commissioners to draft the 2021 budget. There were no material changes with the bulk of budget dollars once again being spent on beautification, customer attraction and marketing. The draft budget will be distributed prior to our July meeting.

The Chicago Sculpture Exhibit – Commissioners will indicate their preferences, which will be forwarded to the selection committee.

VI. New Business

Sauganash Bench - The Chicago Department of Transportation has asked for recommended locations for the bench made of repurposed community identifier stenciled signs. Suggestions included 5933 N. Cicero, 6023 N. Cicero or somewhere near Whole Foods. Suggestions will be shared with CDOT.

COVID-19 Update – It is likely that the City will be moving into Phase 4 soon.

Vandalism Update – Vandalism in Sauganash was limited to 4 broken windows at 5901 N. Cicero. In an abundance of caution, Imperial Realty posted a guard, Smith Corcoran closed early and Whole Foods boarded up its windows.

VII. Adjourn

Al Klairmont made a motion to adjourn
Marci Jimenez seconded

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 a.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 21 at 7:30 a.m.