



SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting
Via Zoom and Teleconference
July 20, 2021
2nd Floor Conference Room
4747 W. Peterson Ave.
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 a.m. Commissioners present in person and via teleconference were Marcia Jimenez, Alfred Klairmont, Jay Smith and Patrick Tarpey. Quorum was present. Jennifer Herren and Adam Roberts were also present. All parties stated their names.
- II. Meeting Minutes
The June 15 meeting minutes were reviewed.
Patrick Tarpey made a motion to approve.
Marcia Jimenez seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Chamber of Commerce Report
 - Condolences were expressed to Commissioner Klairmont on the recent loss of his father and Imperial Realty founder, Larry Klairmont. A leader in commercial real estate development, Larry set up shop at the corner of Cicero and Peterson in the mid 1970's with his purchase of the Edens View building. He was instrumental in the development of Sauganash, including his sons in many initiatives, most notably jump-starting the economic growth of Sauganash with the addition of Whole Foods Market and Sauganash Place condominiums. A celebration of life will be held this fall.
 - The staff shortages caused by the pandemic have impacted lighting vendors. This may be alleviated when the governor lifts COVID-related supplemental unemployment benefits this September.

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

Beautification – The service requests continue to be addressed. Of particular importance is the need to fill in the “axle breaking” pothole in front of 5930 N. Cicero and re-striping the crosswalks at Cicero and Peterson.

A suggestion was raised to groom the tree pits but was tabled in the interest of investing in additional ornamental lighting.

There is a dead tree at 4801 W. Peterson. Tree trimming is necessary at Peterson and North Cicero.

Finance – A copy of the June bank statement was distributed.

V. Old Business

- Imperial Realty’s pending proposed modifications to 4801 W. Peterson include eliminating the cement wall along the 5900 N. block of Cicero Avenue and landscaping and altering the parking lot to create additional retail opportunities. Alderman Nugent has assigned Adam Roberts to assist with this initiative.

VI. New Business

- Tarpey’s Pharmacy was broken into last week. The security camera showed an individual wearing a mask and hoodie who broke the window, triggering the alarm, which caused the intruder to flee.

VII. Adjourn

Pat Tarpey made a motion to adjourn.

Al Klairmont seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

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