

SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting 4747 W. Peterson 2nd Floor Conference Room October 20, 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 7:36. Commissioners present via Zoom and teleconference were Marcia Jimenez, Alfred Klairmont, Jay Smith and Patrick Tarpey. Quorum was present. Adam Roberts and Jennifer Herren were also present. All parties stated their names.

II. Meeting Minutes

The September 22 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Alfred Klairmont made a motion to approve.

Pat Tarpey seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Chamber of Commerce Report

The Chamber office has moved to 4740 W. Peterson, directly east of Edens Cleaners. Thanks were offered to Imperial Realty for generously providing complimentary space for the Chamber. The lease is on a month-to-month basis, so the Chamber will rent a post office box at the Edgebrook branch to offset any issues that may arise in the event of a second move.

IV. Reports of Committees

(3-5 min/committee)

Beautification - The Beautification Committee will meet via Zoom on October 27 at 10:00.

Some of the service requests have been completed. Thanks to Adam Roberts for ensuring that 13 light poles in the district were freshly painted.

Many other of the service requests remain unresolved.

Finance – A reimbursement request for SSA management was submitted to the Chamber, with Finance Commissioner Approval.

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V. Old Business

The Chicago Sculpture Exhibit – The new sculpture has been installed at 6100 N. Cicero, however it appears to have been installed with the back facing Cicero Avenue. This will be corrected.

2020 Beautification Initiatives – CDOT engineering investigated the poles where we hoped to hang after-market hanging baskets and deemed them insufficiently stable to support the weight of the hardware and plant material.

Efforts will focus on festoon lighting. CDOT will be consulted about the long-standing project to wire the pedestrian poles on Peterson Avenue, as well as the process required to set up an account with the Bureau of Electricity.

2021 Budget – All changes requested by DPD have been made. All necessary documents have been updated and submitted to DPD in preparation of submitting the 2021 budget to City Council for approval.

VI. New Business

Business District Update – Half Day CBD has moved into 6027 N. Cicero. A personal training facility will be going in at 4750 W. Peterson.

2020 Projects – 4th quarter – We have received a bid for a winter landscaping installation in the 16 hanging baskets and 48 sidewalk planters. The plant material will consist of live junipers, sod, evergreen boughs and dogwood branches. The City will not permit birch logs to be used this year, due to concerns about civil unrest.

Commissioner Tarpey made a motion to approve Moore Landscapes winter landscaping installation bid for \$17,059, which includes all labor and materials.

Marcia Jimenez seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Holiday Lighting 2020 – The district will "go dark" for two weeks in November prior to our Sauganash lighting event on 11/23. This year's lighting event will not be open to the public, given COVID concerns.

The 2021 meeting schedule will be prepared with the same frequency as 2020.

VII. Adjourn

Pat Tarpey made a motion to adjourn Marcia Jimenez seconded.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 a.m.