



SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting
Via Zoom and Teleconference
September 21, 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 7:45 a.m. Commissioners present in person and via teleconference were Mario Correa, Marcia Jimenez, Alfred Klairmont, Jay Smith and Patrick Tarpey. Quorum was present. Alisa Tilson, Garth Wemmer, Jennifer Herren and Adam Roberts were also present. All parties stated their names.
- II. Review of July 20 Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were not available for approval.
- III. Chamber of Commerce Report
 - The ESCC board of directors will experience some personnel changes in 2022 due to President Dennis Hammer's intention to retire in February. A succession plan guided the creation of a new slate to be presented at the November 9 Annual Meeting. Bob Smith's retirement from the ESCC board will create a vacancy to be filled by current SSA Chairman, Jay Smith. This will create a vacancy on the SSA commission.
 - New banners constructed of a durable canvas material have been ordered and will be placed in the district. The new banners' lifespan should exceed that of the former vinyl banners.
- IV. Reports of Committees
(3-5 min/committee)

Beautification – The spreadsheet listing all the service requests in the district will be forwarded to each commissioner.

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Beautification (cont.)—

The commission is concerned about the rust and erosion on the community identifiers. Some of the identifiers appear as though they have been touched up with a paint color that does not exactly match the original powder coating. Commissioner Jimenez recommended that the SSA perform necessary maintenance to address these issues before next spring.

Al Klairmont made a motion to work through the Chicago Department of Transportation and Moore Landscapes to install winter foliage in 16 hanging baskets and 46 sidewalk planters using materials identical to 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Mario Correa seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

V. Old Business

Gateway/Ornamental Lighting – CDOT presented 3 new options for a lighted gateway installation on the south side of Peterson near the east-bound Edens Expressway exit ramp. Prior design concepts did not pass engineering studies with regard to wind tunnel calculations. The commissioners were generally favorable toward these concepts but requested time to review them with their staff.

VI. New Business

The 2022 budget has been modified to include an Economic Development line item providing the ability to retain outside consultants to assist with SSA reconstitution, as SSA #62 is approaching the end of its initial 10-year term at the end of 2023.

VII. Adjourn

Al Klairmont made a motion to adjourn.

Jay Smith seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 a.m.