

SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting March 22, 2022 2nd Floor Conference Room 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 7:40 a.m. Commissioners present were Mario Correa, Alfred Klairmont, Kelly Smith and Patrick Tarpey. Marcia Jimenez attempted to join via teleconference but was not able due to technical difficulties. Quorum was present. Jennifer Herren and Adam Roberts were also present. All parties stated their names.
- II. Review of February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes Mario Correa made a motion to approve the minutes. Alfred Klairmont seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Executive Director's Report

The Beautification Committee reported that generally, the City has been responsive, however the need for district maintenance is continual. Community identifiers have been a significant beautification/Public Way Aesthetics investment. No further identifiers are planned for the district. Other beautification ideas will be explored.

Ornamental Lighting

The ornamental lighting vendor search continues. Marcia distributed a draft of a letter to send to the authorities at CDOT addressing the lighting situation. A letter will be prepared for SSA #62 commissioner input prior to any correspondence being sent. All lighting that extends over the public way requires a permit. The Chamber needs to open an account with Commonwealth Edison to pay for any electricity costs incurred.

IV. New Business

2021 Audit – Al Klairmont made a motion to work with Eilts and Associates to prepare the audit at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Mario Correa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The audit results will be presented at the April 19 commission meeting.

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V. Old Business

Commissioner Applications – The City notified us that they will present the commissioner applications at the April City Council meeting if all the materials have been submitted.

Reconstitution

Pursuant to the commission's decision to reconstitute, requirements will be researched and efforts will be underway shortly. Failure to reconstitute will result in a "hard stop" to the SSA at the end of 2023.

VI. Adjourn

Al Klairmont made a motion to adjourn. Kelly Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

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