

SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting November 22, 2022 4747 W Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7:34 a.m. Commissioners present were Pat Tarpey, Mario Correa, Alfred Klairmont, and Kelly Smith. Quorum was present. Nick Haak was also present.
- II. Review of October 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes Alfred Klairmont made a motion to approve the minutes. Mario Correa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Executive Director's Report

Nick Haak reported the SSA has \$61,446 in its account.

The Holiday lighting at the PNA on 11/21 was well attended by members of the business community.

The City reported that due to the late release of property tax bills, it is likely the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment collections will not flow in until after 12/31/22. Any inflows after 12/31 will be treated as late collections on the 2023 budget.

### IV. New Business

Chicago Sculpture Exhibit-

The Chicago Sculpture Exhibit for 2023 will open in January. Costs have increased to \$4000. After discussion, the Commission opted not to participate in the program in 2023. The Commission will instead explore the possibility of having a sculpture commissioned.

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#### Reconstitution -

The final public hearing for SSA 62's reconstitution was held virtually on November 14 at 2PM. Ald. Nugent submitted a letter of support to Chairman Villegas. Commissioner Klairmont, Commissioner Jimenez, and Nick Haak spoke in support of the reconstitution. No opposition was noted. The reconstitution ordinance will move to City Council for final approval.

## District Lighting -

Installation of the tree lights is scheduled for December 5. Payment will be due as soon as the invoice is received. To alleviate any insurance concerns, all parties that have electric hook-ins will be added to the Chamber's general liability insurance.

Al Klairmont made a motion to increase the approved lighting budget not to exceed \$25,000 for the installation of the lighting and electrical reimbursements to those properties that require outlets. Mario Correa seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission briefly discussed possible initiatives for 2023, including district marketing, security measure, a permanent sculpture, and additional lighting

Alfred Klairmont made a motion to adjourn. Kelly Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:16.