



SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting
September 26, 2023
4747 W Peterson Suite 200
7:30AM

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 7:32 a.m. Commissioners present were Pat Tarpey, Marcia Jimenez, Alfred Klairmont, and Kelly Smith. Quorum was present. Nick Haak and Kathy Fern were also present.
- II. Review of July 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Al Klairmont made a motion to approve the minutes.
Marcia Jimenez seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Program Manager's Report

Nick Haak reported the pressure washing of the community identifiers was completed. Discussion of painting the identifiers followed, quotes will be provided as soon as possible in an effort to complete the painting before winter. Spring planting costs were presented, and an update on installation of holiday lighting was given.
- IV. Executive Director's Report

Kathy Fern reported there will be a zoning meeting with the 45th Ward Ald. Office regarding a proposal on 5408-5412 W Devon. Kathy also reported the success of the Edgebrook Farmer's Market and plans to contact businesses throughout the district in the coming months.
- V. Old Business

Community identifiers were cleaned. The next maintenance step is to have a number of them repainted.

VI. New Business

A safety meeting was held on September 20, with representatives for the 39th Ward, the Governor's Office, and both 16th & 17th Police Districts, following a number of incidents in the area.

The Beautification Committee recommended setting a date to walk the district and take stock of the maintenance issues needing to be addressed. The walk was set for Oct 3rd. The committee also recommended looking into a Community Gateway and decorative crosswalks for future investment.

Nick Haak presented the 2023 budget amendment proposal.

Al Klairmont made a motion to amend the 2023 Budget for SSA 62 as presented in the budget amendment proposal dated September 26, 2023.

Kelly Smith seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Alfred Klairmont made a motion to adjourn.

Marcia Jimenez seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22.