

SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting October 24, 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 7:36 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 September 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes Marcia Jimenez made a motion to approve the minutes. Al Klairmont seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Program Manager's Report

Budgeted funds for the year have been nearly expended, with a reimbursement ESCC still outstanding. A bid was received for painting the community identifiers, which will be addressed once the identifiers are returned by the City. There has been no update from the City as far as timeline for the return.

Commissioner term status was discussed, with 2 commissioners renewing next year.

- IV. Executive Director's Report The Chamber held a Board meeting to schedule a variety of Winter events, including the Holiday Tree Lighting at PNA on November 20th. There will also be a winter market in Edgebrook on November 18, with the Chamber Holiday Party scheduled for December 6th, 5PM-7PM at Wintrust Sauganash.
- V. Old Business

A bid was received for community identifier painting; painting will likely take place in the spring while more bids are collected over the winter months.

The SSA walkabout identified 32 city service issues, including light pole doors missing, sidewalk trip hazards, potholes, faded signage, and general maintenance.

VI. New Business

Holiday lights have been installed and are scheduled to be connected to power by 11/20. The timers used last year have been checked and are functioning.

New aesthetic ideas for the coming years were discussed, including decorative crosswalks and neighborhood Gateway.

Alfred Klairmont made a motion to adjourn. Marcia Jimenez seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.