



SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting
May 16, 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 7:34 a.m. Commissioners present were Pat Tarpey, Marcia Jimenez, Alfred Klairmont, and Kelly Smith. Quorum was present. Nick Haak was also present.
- II. Review of April 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Marcia Jimenez made a motion to approve the minutes.
Alfred Klairmont seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Executive Director's Report
Nick Haak reported that Kathy Fern will be taking over the Executive Director role at the Edgebrook Sauganash Chamber of Commerce. Nick will remain as program manager for SSA 62.

Bank balance was reported as \$65470.12. The Edgebrook Sauganash Chamber will be submitting a request for reimbursement of expenses incurred from January to March in April.

Summer plantings were installed in the hanging baskets and planters throughout the district.

IV. Old Business

The Commission discussed additional maintenance to the existing community identifiers, including pressure washing and repainting. Nick will obtain quotes.

Tree lighting throughout the district was removed for the season. The existing contract with Holiday Outdoor Décor will be amended to include annual installation and removal of lighting.

Al Klairmont reported that he has assigned staff to look for potential sources of public art, with a general budget guideline of \$10,000.

V. New Business

The Commission discussed taking steps to initiate a Local Option petition for the areas of SSA 62 south of Peterson. The commission recommended the matter be brought to the Chamber Board, as the Chamber had spearheaded similar efforts in the area in the past.

The Chamber will be requesting partial reimbursement for office utilities from the SSA in the future. Al Klairmont suggested the Chamber contact Wintrust Sauganash to determine if they can provide free office space to the Chamber and SSA.

Alfred Klairmont made a motion to adjourn.

Kelly Smith seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14.