

SSA #62 Advisory Commission Meeting July 18, 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 7:35 a.m. Commissioners present were Pat Tarpey, Mario Correa, and Alfred Klairmont. Quorum was present. Nick Haak, Kathy Fern, Marge Laurino, and Richard Loarie were also present.
- II. Review of June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes Al Klairmont made a motion to approve the minutes. Mario Correa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Program Manager's Report

The SSA bank balance was reported at \$28,997.83.

Due to DWM work at the corner of Caldwell and Cicero, a Community Identifier will be temporarily moved. Nick Haak is in contact with the 39th Ward office and will keep the Commission apprised of any developments regarding the work. Nick Haak also reported the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit installation from 2022 has been removed from 6100 N Cicero.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Kathy Fern reported that the Edgebrook Sauganash Chamber of Commerce participated in the Independence Day parades of both Edgebrook/Wildwood and Sauganash. Kathy also reported the Chamber partnered with a local organization for a Farmer's market in the Edgebrook community.

V. Old Business

Al Klairmont recommended putting out an RFP for a sculpture for up to \$10,000.

The Commission asked that the respondent to the Community Identifier Maintenance RFP describe in more detail the method that will be used to clean the rust stains off the identifiers. Once the contractor does so, the quote will be signed off.

Mario Correa made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented at the June 18th meeting.

Al Klairmont seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

An open forum discussion regarding the history of SSA 62 and the direction of the SSA over the next 5 years took place.

Alfred Klairmont made a motion to adjourn. Mario Correa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:29.