



SSA #18 COMMISSION MINUTES – December 14th, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Commissioners Present (5): Jim Ludwig (Chairperson), Kearby Kaiser (Co-Chairperson), Mike Raffety (Treasurer/Secretary), Allan O'Brien, Dave Gassman

Commissioners Absent (2): Carlton Daniels, Elizabeth Fuld

SSP Attendees (2): Kevin Barbeau, Robert Morvay

Public Attendees (0):

1. Call to Order

NOTE: Chairperson Jim Ludwig called the December 14th SSA #18 Commission Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: A quorum of SSA Commissioners was present.

2. Public Comment Period

There is no public comment.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

NOTE: Mike Raffety MOVED TO APPROVE the October 12th SSA #18 Commission Meeting Minutes. SECOND by Kearby Kaiser. All in Favor. The motion PASSED.

4. Northalsted Update

Halloween Recap Kevin recaps that by all accounts the Halloween Parade went smoothly in all. The only issue was an oversight in setup which limited the ability for the fire breathers to blow fire near the end of the parade, and this is able to be easily fixed for next year's parade. It received nothing but praise from the public and Aldermen; Mike asks to get a record from the Aldermanic offices and the CPD to state that there were no issues officially. Kevin is working on submitting a Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events grant that would help the Halloween Parade budget next year.

5. SSA Program Update

Tax Collection Update Kevin reports that he and Robert attended a meeting with the DPD last week, and learned that tax bills have gone out and have begun hitting accounts. Any taxes collected after January 1st will arrive as late collections, which can be used without limit pending amendments which the DPD is eager to assist with. Our EAV is 1:1 with previous years.

2023 Meeting Scheduling Robert presents to a slate for the 2023 meeting schedule, with meetings occurring on the second of each month following end-of-quarter and in December. Requests for changes are made, including a change of meeting time from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. and fixing a typo changing "October 1" to "October 11".

NOTE: Dave Gassman MOVED TO APPROVE the 2023 meeting schedule as proposed with the changes suggested. SECOND by Allan O'Brien. All approve. MOTION CARRIES.

2022 Budget Adjustments Robert presents proposed budget adjustments for 2022. Since a lot of money couldn't be spent this year, the adjustments are focused on moving funds from the 2.05 Streetscape Elements line that couldn't be used into 2.06 Public Art and 2.11 Sidewalk Power Washing which went over budget as well as to providing a \$10,000 buffer into 2.12 Snow Removal in the event of heavy December snow. Mike asks what the additional Public Art expense cost came from, and Kevin replies it was from the repainting of the Amazing for All sculpture.

NOTE: MOTION by Mike Raffety to approve the 2022 Budget Adjustments as presented. SECOND by Dave Gassman. All approve. MOTION CARRIES.

6. Reconstitution Recap

Reconstitution Sub-Committee Mike, Kearby, Dave, Carlton all wish to be on the Reconstitution Sub-Committee.

Recommendations Robert ask if anyone has any basic thoughts on the Proposals. Robert has heard fantastic things about Teska Associates and can attest to their personal touch, and he has also heard SB Friedman is effective but other SSAs complained about the costs. Robert will reach out to other SSAs reconstituted by each proposer. Kevin says he'd like to set up phone calls with each Proposer and bring those to the SSA Committee in January with a recommendation for approval, and Kearby says we could even do this as interviews in the same room prior to the next meeting. Dave recommends speaking to Gina Caruso to see if she's heard positive and negatives from SSAs.

7. Rebates

Rebates Robert presents a Facade Rebate for Big Mini Putt Club for its two storefronts. The committee believes the application is a textbook great usage of this program, and moves to approve.

NOTE: Kearby Kaiser MOTIONS to approve the Big Mini Putt Club facade rebate application as presented. SECOND by Mike Raffety. All approve. MOTION CARRIES.

8. Old/New Business

Vacancies Kevin mentions that he's applying for a grant to turn Northalsted Business Alliance (NBA) into an Neighborhood Business Development Center, as NBA staff already does many of the tasks associated, and this could help fill out vacancies in the neighborhood and assist them in their development.

Heart of Lakeview Triangle Neighbors and Hawthorne Neighbors are merging into a commission entitled Heart of Lakeview, effective January 1st, 2023.

Sub-Committee Planning Kevin says Robert and he will reach out to the newly formed Reconstitution Sub-Committee after this meeting with planning for next steps. Dave will reach out to Gina Caruso, who used to run the Reconstitution Process with the City of Chicago, and ask for her opinions on our applicants. By the January 11th meeting, the Reconstitution Sub-Committee will have interviewed each Proposer and will have a recommendation to proceed with.

2023 Budget Kevin and Robert will come to the January 11th meeting with plans and ideas for budget adjustments for the 2023 budget.

Three-Day Festivals The Commission is strongly in support of encouraging Northalsted Business Alliance being able to make Pride Fest and Market Days into three day festivals, and Kevin remarks that Northalsted will work alongside whomever becomes Alderman following the election in February 2023

Security Dave recommends lobbying for better enforcement of people drinking and partying in or on cars on the street.

9. Adjournment

NOTE: Dave Gassman MOVED TO ADJOURN the December 14th, 2022 SSA #18 Commission meeting. SECOND by Mike Raffety. All in favor. The motion PASSED.

NOTE: The December 14th, 2022 SSA #18 Commission Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

The next scheduled SSA #18 Commission meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 11th, 1:00pm** at Center on Halsted (3656 N. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60657).