

**Advisory Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016**

Room 1002, Illinois Action for Children, Uptown Bank Building, 4753 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL

**Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners Present:

Terry Tuohy (Chair), David Rettker (Treasurer), Kelly Cheng, Warren Preis, Josh Reitman

Commissioners Absent:

Noreen Keeney, Jacob Karaca, Chip Long, Marc Vuong

Others in Attendance:

Justin Weidl, Business District Manager, Uptown United

Sara Dinges, Pres./CEO, Uptown United

Greg Carroll, Director of Partnerships & Events, Business Partners, The Chamber for Uptown

Ally Brisbin, Director of Business Services, Business Partners, The Chamber for Uptown

Julianne Ehre, Director, PIVOT Arts

Jeffrey Littleton, Resident and Artist

*Meeting called to order at 4:40pm.*

**Public Input**

Julianna Ehre, Director of PIVOT Arts, gave a summary of PIVOT Arts Fest 2015 which was partially funded by a \$4,000 Community Events Grant from Uptown SSA #34. That event received a significant amount of publicity for both PIVOT Arts and the Uptown neighborhood. Julianna gave an overview of PIVOT Arts Fest 2016 which is requesting a \$5,000 Community Events Grant.

Jeffrey Littleton introduced himself and gave an overview of a mural project that he is planning. He is currently waiting on written consent from the building owner and plans to submit a proposal before the April 26, 2016 Advisory Commission meeting.

**Minutes**

On acceptance of minutes for the below meetings:

*Motion to accept January 26, 2016 minutes.*

**VOTE: Preis, Motion; Rettker, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote.**

**Budget & Financials**

-Review 2016 Budget

- Actual expenses for 1.02 Special Events should be corrected to \$650.
- Actual expenses for 1.09 PR/Media Relations should be corrected to \$1,500
- Actual expenses for 2.03 Façade Enhancement Rebate should be corrected to \$0
- 2015 Audit results will be reviewed at the April 26, 2016 meeting.
- 2016 budget revision to be reviewed at May 24, 2016 meeting.
- 2017 budget proposal to be reviewed at July 12, 2016 meeting.

**Commission Vacancies/Make-up**

-Discussion of potentially reducing number of commission seats from seventeen (17) to thirteen (13) or eleven (11). Justin to discuss impact of vacant seats with City of Chicago.

## Maintenance Agreements

- Argyle shared street
  - Page two (2) should be revised to read 48<sup>th</sup> Ward rather than 46<sup>th</sup> Ward.  
*After review, motion to approve maintenance agreement with CDOT.*  
**VOTE: Cheng, Motion; Rettker, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote.**
- Lawrence/Broadway
  - *After review, motion to approve maintenance agreement with CDOT.*  
**VOTE: Preis, Motion; Cheng, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote.**

## Workplan Projects

- Curb appeal rebate program
  - ABC & Me Daycare project moving forward
- Community events grant
  - Review of changes to the application
  - Review of Uptown Business Partners Events
  - Review of PIVOT Arts Fest application and request of \$5,000  
*After review, motion to approve grant in the amount of \$4,000.*  
**VOTE: Preis, Motion; Rettker, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote**
  - Review of Peterson Garden Project application and request of \$5,000  
*After review, motion to approve grant in the amount of \$2,000.*  
**VOTE: Reitman, Motion; Rettker, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote**
- Public way aesthetics
  - Review of Broadway parkway beds maintenance contract with Landscape Concepts Management (LCM).  
*After review, motion to approve maintenance contract.*  
**VOTE: Preis, Motion; Reitman, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote**
  - Review of Sheridan Park / Wilson Avenue landscaping options  
*After review, motion to approve landscaping changes within existing contract amount.*  
**VOTE: Reitman, Motion; Reitman, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote**

**Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at 5:35 pm.

**VOTE: Tuohy, Motion; Reitman, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote.**

*Minutes approved at April 26, 2016 meeting*