

UPTOWN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #34

GRANTS AND REBATES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th 2017
First Floor Conference Room - Bridgeview Bank Building (4753 North Broadway)

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Terry Tuohy (Chair), Josh Reitman (Vice-Chair), David Rettker (Treasurer), Patti Eick-Hutzel, Lesley Showers, Karl Sullivan,

Commissioners Absent: Noreen Keeney (Secretary), Kelly Cheng, Jared Dolan, Mark Heffron, Jacob Karaca, Chip Long, Marc Vuong

Other in Attendance: Justin Weidl, Business District Manager (Uptown United)
Greg Carroll, Director of Partnerships and Events (Uptown United)
John Blick, Director of Business Services (Business Partners)
Oanh Ngo (Hong Ngu), Julieanne Ehre (Pivot Arts),
Patricia Nguyen (Axis Lab), John Lee (SMDP/Ratio Architects)

Meeting called to order at 4:33pm

PUBLIC INPUT

Oanh Ngo, who is opening a restaurant (Hong Ngu) on Argyle Street introduced herself and expressed interest in becoming an SSA Commissioner. She is attending the meeting to learn more about the SSA.

Patricia Nguyen presented a Community Event Grant application from Axis Lab for two Baseline Events similar to the Baseline Holiday Market Event which took place in December of 2016. The first event will take place in the Spring of 2017 and include performances and a market in the vacant CTA space and alleyway along Argyle Street. The second event will take place in the Summer of 2017 and will include performances and a market in the vacant CTA space and portions of Argyle Street. Axis Lab is requesting a grant in the amount of \$5,000.

John Lee presented a Public Art Grant for a Vietnam War Memorial which would be located on the corner of Argyle Street and Winthrop Avenue in front of the Roots on Argyle mural. John Lee along with the Vietnamese Veterans Association of Illinois are requesting a grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Julieanne Ehre presented a Community Event Grant application for Pivot Arts for the Pivot Arts Festival. The festival will run for 10 days and include six events in Uptown at multiple locations. Pivot Arts is requesting a grant in the amount of \$4,000.

COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT

Josh Reitman led a discussion regarding the Pivot Arts Festival application. Justin Weidl presented data on the 2016 festival which was sponsored by the SSA in the amount of \$4,000. Josh Reitman recommended a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to follow the application's guidelines for rebate amounts based on attendance numbers.

Motion to approve Community Event Grant applications from Pivot Arts for \$3,000.

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

Josh Reitman led a discussion regarding the Baseline Events application. Terry Tuohy pointed out that these are new events and that the SSA would be funding nearly 33% of the budget of these events. Josh Reitman recommended a grant in the amount of \$3,000 since these are new events and to encourage the applicant to pursue additional funding sources other than the SSA.

Motion to approve Community Event Grant applications from Axis Lab for \$3,000.

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

PUBLIC ART GRANT PROGRAM

Josh Reitman led a discussion regarding the Vietnam War Memorial application. Terry Tuohy requested a more detailed maintenance plan as well as a visual showing what the memorial would look like in its proposed context. Josh Reitman asked if the applicant can provide documentation of public input as well as Aldermanic support. Leslie Showers commented that the proposal seems very preliminary and was curious if the project would more likely be installed in 2018. Josh Reitman recommended tabling this application until the full SSA Commissioner Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 28th.

Justin Weidl presented a Public Art Grant application from Anthony Lewellen for a mural on the west facing alley wall of 4600 North Magnolia, along Wilson Avenue. The applicant is requesting \$5,000 for a 20' x 20' mural. Josh Reitman recommended tabling the application until Mark Heffron's (Cedar Street, property owner) approval is documented. Terry Tuohy requested documentation of Aldermanic supports as well as support from the neighborhood associations. She also requested a visual of the context of the mural.

SECURITY REBATE PROGRAM

Justin Weidl presented a Security Rebate application from Sheridan Gardens Condominium Association for four (4) light fixtures to be installed on the front façade of the building. Dave Rettker commented that the lights seem expensive, but the quality of the lights are important because they will be very visible from the public right of way. Terry Tuohy agreed that high quality light fixtures should be encouraged.

Motion to approve Security Rebate application from Sheridan Gardens Condominium Association for \$2,934.80.
VOTE: Rettker, Motion; Reitman, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote.

CURB APPEAL REBATE PROGRAM

Justin Weidl presented a Curb Appeal Rebate application from Dew Suriyawan for a restaurant located at 4949 North Broadway. The project for Immm Rice & Beyond includes sidewalk café corrals, landscaping, and lighting. The total project cost is estimated at \$5,200 and the applicant is requesting a \$2,600 rebate. Patti Eick-Hutzel commented that the cost breakdown is somewhat vague and could be more detailed. Karl Sullivan thought that the cost estimate seemed reasonable for a sidewalk café. Josh Reitman recommended tabling this item until the full SSA Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 28th. He also requested that the applicant provide comparable cost information for other sidewalk café and materials.

NEXT MEETING

Next full SSA Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28th, 2017 and will be held in the first-floor conference room of the Bridgeview Bank Building (4753 North Broadway).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:07pm. **VOTE: Rettker, Motion; Tuohy, 2nd. Unanimous by voice vote.**

Meeting minutes approved at March 28, 2017 meeting