

Tuesday, May 19th 2020
Zoom Meeting: Call-in number: +1 (312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 576 780 3698 | Password: 461899 | 4:30pm

Commissioners Present: Terry Tuohy (Chair), David Rettker (Treasurer),
Noreen Keeney (Secretary), Kelly Cheng, Patti Eick-Hutzell,
Dominic Irpino, Liz Peterson, Lesley Showers, Karl Sullivan
Commissioners Absent: Josh Reitman (Vice-Chair), Jared Dolan, Cam Ngan Hoang,
Others in Attendance: Martin Sorge (Uptown United), Justin Weidl (Uptown United)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Tuohy called meeting to order at 4:33pm.

2. Public Input

- a. None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

Motion to accept April 21st 2020 minutes.

Motion: Cheng

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.

- i. Both Balance Sheet and Budget v. Actuals look typical for this time of year. Staff will be watching collections closely to see if income is effected by COVID-19.

5. 2021 Work Plan, Budget, Uptown United to be Sole Service Provider of SSA #34

- a. Weidl presented a 2021 Work Plan and Budget.

- i. Tuohy commented that Uptown United has done a wonderful job.

Motion to approve 2021 Work Plan, Budget, Uptown United as Sole Service Provider of SSA 34.

Motion: Rettker

Second: Cheng

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

6. COVID Budget Adjustment

- a. Weidl shared that some SSA service providers are anticipating a 15-30% reduction in collections this year. He also presented scenarios for how to address that potential shortfall.

- i. Freezing existing spending would provide a 15% buffer in spending. Adjustments to Cleanslate service as well as a hold on other planned projects would provide another 15% buffer in spending.

- ii. Tuohy recommended to not install “Proud” banners until the parade is rescheduled or cancelled.

- iii. Tuohy also recommended reduced the litter abatement crew by 1 crew member.

Motion to amend Cleanslate’s service by reducing crew size by one person.

Motion: Cheng

Second: Showers

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.



7. 2020 Audit RFP Review

- a. Weidl shared information related to the previous year's Audit RFP. Thomas Bravos's proposal included an option to renew for 1-2 additional years. Staff reported that working with Thomas Bravos went smoothly.
 - i. Showers recommended renewing the audit contract with Thomas Bravos as best practices include working with the same auditor for up to three years.

Motion to renew audit contract for 2020 Audit with Thomas Bravos.

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes.**

8. Community Events Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a grant request for \$5,000 from Uptown Church for a Fall Festival at Uplift Community High School.
 - i. General consensus to review this application again after Governor Pritzker's stay-at-home order is modified to allow festivals and gatherings.

9. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a grant request of \$5,000 from Nick Goettling for an Uptown inspired mural at MADO Healthcare (4818 N Clifton Avenue).
 - i. General consensus to review this application again in July or August after staff has a better understanding of income collected.
- b. Weidl presented a grant request of \$5,000 by First Dental (4108 N Sheridan Road) for a Buena Park themed mural by Brett Whitacre.
 - i. Weidl recommended modifying the budget and using Community Events Grant funds to fund this mural, as those funds typically go to Buena Park Circle events.

Motion to approve grant request by First Dental for a mural at 4108 N Sheridan Road.

Motion: Peterson **Second:** Irpino

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes.**

- c. Weidl presented a grant request of \$1,500 by Wilson Abbey (935 W Wilson Avenue) for a window display project for Advent.
 - i. Weidl recommended modifying the budget and using Community Events Grant funds to fund this public art display, as those funds typically go to Winter Walk.

Motion to approve grant request by Wilson Abbey for window displays at 935 W Wilson Avenue.

Motion: Rettker **Second:** Cheng **Abstain:** Sullivan

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes.**

10. SSA Budget Modification

Motion to modify the 2020 SSA budget and move \$6,500 from Community Events to Public Art.

Motion: Rettker **Second:** Cheng

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes.**

II. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:58pm.

Motion: Rettker **Second:** Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes**

Minutes Submitted By: Justin Weidl, *Business District Manager*