

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

Zoom Meeting: Call-in number: +1 (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: 998 4340 9654 | Password: 461494 | 4:30pm

Commissioners Present: Terry Tuohy (*Chair*), Josh Reitman (*Vice-Chair*), David Rettker (*Treasurer*), Kelly Cheng, Patti Hutzler, Dominic Irpino, Liz Peterson, Lesley Showers, Karl Sullivan

Commissioners Absent: Noreen Keeney (*Secretary*), Jared Dolan, Winston Feng, Erin Hoang

Others in Attendance: Martin Sorge (Uptown United), Justin Weidl (Uptown United), Heather Seanger (Uptown United), Thomas Bravos (Bravos & Associates)

### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Tuohy called meeting to order at 4:35pm.

### 2. Public Input

- a. None.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

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

*Motion to accept January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 minutes.*

**Motion:** Rettker

**Second:** Sullivan

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**

### 4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.
  - i. Balance Sheet looks typical for this time of year, despite COVID.
  - ii. 2021 Budget v. Actuals shows income lower than a typical year, but this is likely due to property tax deadlines being extended one month from March to April.

### 5. 2020 Audit Presentation

- a. Bravos presented the 2020 Uptown SSA #34 Audit performed by Bravos & Associates.
  - i. All expenses ended under budget.
  - ii. The audit has no findings or exceptions.

*Motion to approve 2020 Uptown SSA #34 Audit performed by Bravos & Associates.*

**Motion:** Tuohy

**Second:** Rettker

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**





## 6. Clifton Avenue Festoon Lighting

- a. Weidl presented three quotes to install festoon lighting above portions of Clifton Avenue.
  - i. Irpino inquired if there was a warranty on the lights or labor. Weidl to confirm.
  - ii. Weidl to work with CDOT to complete Public Way Use Permit before installation.

*Motion to approve \$7,700 for Festoon Lighting on Clifton Avenue.*

**Motion:** Cheng

**Second:** Irpino

**Abstain:** Peterson

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**

## 7. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a \$7,500 request to fund 30 artists (\$250 each) to paint the CTA concrete column bases on North Broadway between Wilson and Leland with murals.

*Motion to approve \$7,500 request for 30 artists to paint the CTA columns:*

**Motion:** Sullivan

**Second:** Rettker

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**

- b. Weidl presented an \$8,500 request from 845 W Montrose Avenue Condo Association for a mural on their east facing wall by Nic Fonte.

- i. Irpino recommended a sealant as opposed to typical primer to seal the cracks present in the wall.

*Motion to approve \$8,500 request from 845 W Montrose Avenue Condo Association:*

**Motion:** Cheng

**Second:** Sullivan

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**

## 8. 2022 Work Plan and Budget

- a. Weidl opened discussion related to the 2022 work plan and budget.
- b. Sorge commented that the SSA used to fund a marketing and PR consultant to promote the neighborhood. This may be a good use of resources as restaurants and music venues re-open.
- c. Hutzal recommended that staff revisit the joint board retreat report to see where priorities are.
- d. Reitman asked staff to present a draft work plan and budget in May.

## 9. Grant and Rebate Subcommittee Meeting

- a. The Grant and Rebate Subcommittee shall meet on Tuesday, April 20th at 4:30pm.

## 10. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn at 5:40pm.*

**Motion:** Cheng

**Second:** Rettker

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes**

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

