

Tuesday, March 15th 2022

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

Meeting ID: 576 780 3698 | Password: 032739 | 4:30pm

Commissioners Present: Josh Reitman (*Vice-Chair*), David Rettker (*Treasurer*), Kelly Cheng, Winston Feng, Dominic Irpino, Erin Hoang, Patti Hutzler, Karl Sullivan
Commissioners Absent: Terry Tuohy (*Chair*), Noreen Keeney (*Secretary*), Jared Dolan, Lesley Showers
Others in Attendance: Sarah Wilson (*Uptown United*), Justin Weidl (*Uptown United*), Thomas Bravos (*Bravos & Associates*), Nick Pinto (*FLATS*), Matthew Ruffi (*Chicago Market*)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

2. Public Input

- a. Ruffi introduced himself and gave some background on himself and the Chicago Market. He also expressed interest in joining the SSA Commission and has submitted an application.
- b. Pinto introduced himself and gave some background on himself and FLATS. He also expressed interest in joining the SSA Commission and has submitted an application.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Rettker noted that the meeting minutes should be dated February 15th, not 16th.

On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

Motion to accept February 15th 2022 minutes.

Motion: Cheng

Second: Sullivan

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.
 - i. Balance Sheet and Budget v. Actuals reports are typical for this time of year.
 - ii. There are funds budgeted for PR/Media Relations and Streetscape Maintenance that are not planned to be used. Weidl will present budget modification options.

5. 2021 Audit Presentation, Review, and Approval

- a. Bravos presented the 2021 Uptown SSA #34 Audit performed by Bravos & Associates.
 - i. The audit has no findings or exceptions.

Motion to approve 2021 Uptown SSA #34 Audit performed by Bravos & Associates.

Motion: Cheng

Second: Rettker

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.



6. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a public art grant request for \$10,000 from Jesse Hora for a façade mural project located at Elim Wig & Hair on the 4600 Block of North Broadway.

i. Rettker commented that the project appears to be more of a facade renovation than an public art project.

ii. Sullivan commented that the artwork does not promote a product or service. .

Motion to approve \$10,000 public art grant request from Jesse Hora:

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Rettker

VOTE: Approve – None Oppose – All **Motion Fails.**

Motion to approve \$7,500 public art grant request from Jesse Hora:

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Irpino

VOTE: Approve – Sullivan, Irpino, Hoang
Oppose – Rettker, Reitman, Cheng, Hutzel **Motion Fails.**

- b. Weidl presented a \$30,000 public art grant request from Graceland Cemetery for a collaborative public art project that would fund the installation of either thirty (30) 9’x9’ murals or fifty (50) 4’x4’ mural panels on the east facing wall of Graceland Cemetery, facing the CTA train and Challenger Bark Park. The 4’x4’ panels could be painted off-site.

Motion to approve \$30,000 for the Graceand Walls project.

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Rettker

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

7. Community Event Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a community event grant request for \$1,000 from Voice of the People in Uptown for a Juneteenth Celebration. Attendance of 240-300 folks is anticipated. Other grants awarded this year have averaged closer to \$1.00 per attendee.

i. Irpino commented that \$500 seems more inline for this event.

Motion to approve \$500 community event grant to Voice of the People:

Motion: Irpino **Second:** Rettker

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

- b. Weidl presented a community event grant request for \$5,000 from Chicago Market for a weekly Farmers Market at 4620 North Broadway from May – November.

Motion to approve \$5,000 community event grant to Chicago Market:

Motion: Irpino **Second:** Reitman

VOTE: Approve – All Abstain – Hutzel, Reitman, Irpino **Motion Passes.**

8. Clifton Avenue Lighting

- a. Weidl presented a proposal from Bonus Electric to install overhead lights on Clifton Avenue.

Motion to approve \$17,500 for Clifton Avenue Lighting:

Motion: Reitman **Second:** Sullivan

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



9. 2022 Budget Modification

a. Weidl presented a budget modification as follows:

- i. DECREASE 1.09 PR/Media Relations by \$35,000 from \$40,000 to \$5,000
- ii. INCREASE 1.02 Special Events by \$5,000 from \$25,000 to \$30,000
- iii. INCREASE 2.06 Public Art by \$30,000 from \$40,000 to \$70,000
- iv. DECREASE 2.08 Sidewalk Maintenance by \$20,000 from \$260,000 to \$240,000
- v. INCREASE 2.07 Streetscape Elements by \$20,000 from \$0 to \$20,000

Motion to approve budget modification as outlined above:

Motion: Irpino

Second: Rettker

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

a. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, at 4:30pm via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn at 5:43pm:

Motion: Rettker

Second: Cheng

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

Minutes Submitted By: Justin Weidl, *Director of Neighborhood Services*

