

Tuesday, April 18th 2023

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

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

Commissioners Present: Patti Hutzel (*Vice-Chair*), Noreen Keeney (*Secretary*), Kelly Cheng, Dominic Irpino, Nick Pinto, Matthew Ruffi
Commissioners Absent: Terry Tuohy (*Chair*), David Rettker (*Treasurer*), Winston Feng, Lesley Showers, Karl Sullivan
Others in Attendance: Justin Weidl (*Uptown United*), Sarah Wilson (*Uptown United*)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Hutzel called meeting to order at 4:37pm.

2. Public Input

- a. None

3. Approval of Minutes

On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

Motion to accept March 21st 2023 minutes.

Motion: Cheng

Second: Ruffi

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.
 - i. Balance Sheet as well as Budget v Actuals looks typical for this time of year.

5. 2024 Budget Discussion

- a. Weidl mentioned that he will begin to prepare the 2024 budget and offered Commissioners an opportunity to provide direction. Ruffi asked staff to prioritize increasing personnel costs.

6. Community Event Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a community event grant application from Uptown Church for an Uptown Fall Festival at Uplift High School.
 - i. Ruffi commented that the price per attendee is on the higher end.
 - ii. Weidl recommended awarding a \$2,500 grant as opposed to a \$5,000 grant.

Motion to accept community event grant application from Uptown Church for \$2,500:

Motion: Cheng

Second: Irpino

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.



7. Curb Appeal Rebate Program

- a. Weidl presented a curb appeal rebate application from Mavrek Development for a mural on the parking lot wall of The Portrait building located at 4601 N Sheridan Road.
 - i. Cheng commented that the wall is not completely visible from the public way.
 - ii. Weidl noted that the mural cost is \$15,000 and Mavrek is requesting a \$5,000 rebate as opposed to requesting a public art grant because they acknowledge this condition.
 - iii. Hutzel commented that parked cars will block a good portion of the mural.
 - iv. Weidl noted that the parking is for commercial tenant and that there should be a steady flow of parking turnover in that space.

Motion to accept curb appeal rebate application from Mavrek Development:

Motion: Ruffi **Second:** Cheng

VOTE: Approve – Keeney, Irpino, Pinto, Ruffi

Oppose – Hutzel, Cheng **Motion Passes.**

8. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a public art grant request from Aldair Dosmil for a mural on the east facing wall of The Bachelor building along Clifton Avenue at 4612 N Clifton Avenue.

Motion to approve \$4,000 for mural by Aldair Dosmil.

Motion: Ruffi **Second:** Keeney

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

- b. Weidl presented a public art grant request from Dave Watkins for a mural on the west facing wall of Ace Hardware along Clifton Avenue.

Motion to approve \$4,000 for mural by Dave Watkins.

Motion: Ruffi **Second:** Keeney

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

9. Officers

- a. Weidl noted that at the May meeting the Commission will be asked to nominate and elect commission officers.
- b. Ruffi commented that he would be interested in the treasurer position if Rettker decides to step down.

10. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, at 4619 North Broadway (*Uptown United Office*) at 4:30pm.

ii. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:58pm:

Motion: Ruffi **Second:** Keeney

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

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