

West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce
West Town Special Service Area (SSA) Commissioner Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.
1819 W Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Chris Hunt, Jenny Rossignuolo, Sara Dulkan, Adam Williams,
SSA Program Director – Kace Wakem

Membership Director – Sara Bemer

Public Forum / Guests: None

Not Present: Steven Tobiason (Secretary), Michael VanDam (Chair), Amy Laria (Vice-Chair)

- **Call to Order:** Chris Hunt called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.
- **Minutes from SSA Commission Meeting on September 6, 2018.**

***Chris Hunt motioned to approve 9/6/18 minutes. Adam Williams seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**
- **Financial Report:**
 - 2018 P&L Statement, Balance Sheet and YTD Budget distributed and reviewed.

***Adam Williams motioned to approve 2018 Financial Statements. Sara Dulkan seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**
- **Contracts:**
 - **Snowplowing** – Contract renewal with Christy Webber reviewed for \$39,625.00

***Chris Hunt motioned to approve 2018 & 2019 snow season contract with Christy Webber for a total of \$39,625.00. Jenny Rossignuolo seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**
- **Rebate / Grant Updates:**
 - **Facade Rebate Applications:**
 - 1726 W. Chicago Ave, Eye Want – In Process. Still waiting for eyeball art installation
 - 1431 W. Chicago Ave, Candice Cusic Photography – Waiting for final invoice and pictures. Client wasn't happen with sign, having company fix before job is finished.
 - 2117 W. Chicago Ave, Residential Property – Finished, review after photos. Waiting for paid receipts, then will cut check.
 - 1656 W. Chicago Ave, Ciao Chicago – in progress. Signage company went dark after down payment was made. Said project should be installed sometime this month.
 - 1601 W. Chicago Ave, REACH Fieldhouse – Install to happen in few weeks.
 - 1102 N. Ashland Ave, Boneyard Chicago – In process. Almost finished with facade, see photo update.
 - 1463 W. Chicago Ave, ARC Gallery – Initial application has been approved, additional update also approved for a total project of \$23,205.47. Another additional update has been made to application for review. Additional construction rebuild of side wall and side of door for a total project cost of \$24,805.47 with a rebate of \$12,402.74.

***Chris Hunt motioned to approve the project addition at 1463 W. Chicago Ave for a total of \$12,402.74 for final rebate. Jenny Rossignuolo seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**

- 2130 W. Chicago Ave, Cornelia McNamara Flowers – Wants to install awning and flower beds in front of building. Asking for a rebate of \$2,989.93.

***Chris Hunt motioned to approve the project addition at 2130 W. Chicago Ave for a total of \$2,989.93 for final rebate. Adam Williams seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**

- 965 W. Chicago Ave, MHub – Wants to apply for signage. Discussed businesses being able to apply after already reaching full rebate amount. Commission was hesitant to give \$15,000 twice to same company. Commission thinks there should be more regulations with the grant, so that the same building cannot get a max payout more than once in a 5 year period. Edit application to reflect 5 year cap.

➤ **Public Art Grant Applications:**

- Artist: Margot Harrington – Margot found a wall. We still need to check in with Sherri from RR1 about potential wall. Will reach out.
- 701 N. Damen Ave – Review updated applications from Antonio Beniquez.
 - Version #1 application is a total of \$8,400 with same footprint
 - Version #2 application is total of \$10,000 with extended footprint

***Chris Hunt motioned to approve version #2 application for the project at 701 N. Damen Ave for an amount of \$10,000 to cover the extended area and alley wrap-around. Adam Williams seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**

- Artist: FNNCH, Chicago & Lessing location – Mural keeps getting tagged. Artist is individually being targeted. Discussed options for removing tags or covering mural with protective coat. SSA Commission would like to leave the mural alone for now because it was fixed again. Issue will be discussed if the mural is tagged again.

➤ **Security Rebate Applications:**

- 1102 N. Ashland Ave, Boneyard Chicago – Asking for \$1,500 for new camera system. Preferred bidder project total is \$5,495.

***Chris Hunt motioned to approve the project addition at 1102 N. Ashland Ave for a total of \$1,500.00 for final rebate. Jenny Rossignuolo seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**

- 2052 W. Chicago Ave, Gallery 2052 – Asking for rebate for new camera system. Preferred bidder project total is \$1,370.

***Adam Williams motioned to approve the project addition at 2052 W. Chicago Ave for a total of \$1,370.00 for final rebate. Sara Dulkan seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**

- **Marketing / Beautification / Safety / Other:**

- **Street Cleaning:** ongoing, no updates
- **Banners & Holiday Decorations:** No updates
- **Landscaping:** Mulching in September
- **Discover West Town Mobile App:** Framework improvement tabled to till November. Quote for updating app is \$4,410.
- **Master Plan:** Next step is to present Master Plan to Aldermen, present to neighborhood group member meetings, catch up with CDOT and how we are moving forward with streetscape plan.
- **People Spot:** Tabled
- **Bike Racks:** Tabled
- **Bike Friendly Business District:** TBD

- **West Town GIS Map:** putting on final touches.
- **Neighborhood Updates:** West Town Art Walk & Food Truck Social went well, sent out survey. West Town / Wicker Park Bucktown Trick or Treating coming up on October 31st. West Town Winterfest coming up on December 8th – sign up! Chicago Avenue Water Main project happening still. Street construction to happen before winter (hopefully).

- **Old Business:**

- **New Business:** Chad Tepley and Peter Gariepy stepped down as SSA Commissioners. New treasurer was voted to be Amy Laria. Chris Hunt voted to be Vice Chair.

***Sara Dulkan motioned to approve Amy Laria as Treasurer and Chris Hunt as Vice Chair. Adam Williams seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.**

- **Public Forum:**
- **Adjournment**

***Chris Hunt moved to adjourn meeting at 1:06 pm. Adam Williams seconded this motion at it was approved unanimously.**

Next SSA Commission Meeting Date: Thursday, November 1, 2018