

Greater Ravenswood SSA #31
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2014, 2:30p.m.
1802 W. Berteau Avenue, Suite 102

Attended:

Diane Walch
Paul Kartcheske
Dr. Andrea Stein

Absent:

Vince Saverino
David Berger
Stephanie Spiegel

Staff:

Megan Bunimovich
Danielle Inendino
Cecilia Diaz - Recorder

Guest:

Call to Order

Diane called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Welcome Megan

Everyone welcomed Megan.

Minutes

January 19, 2013 minutes were reviewed.

Fiscal Year End Audit

Danielle reported that the Audit would be completed by May 2014. Megan was concerned it would be too late to provide to DHED. She will follow-up with Eilts & Associate Tax.

SSA #31 -Letter to Taxpayers

Megan was able to gather all the addresses for the PINS in SSA #31. The letter was being drafted.

Snow Removal Contract

Megan reported that the record snowfall this year has been tough to for everyone. She will meet with TJ from Cleanstreet to discuss issues of service so far. Diane proposed to look into plowing parking permit areas along the Ravenswood Avenue streets from Irving Park to Lawrence for next year.

SSA Meeting Schedule

Megan asked for consideration to hold SSA meetings every two months versus monthly. Diane would like to present that to the rest of the commissioners before putting up for vote.

Old Business

Bike racks: The installation is pending approval from City Council. There will need to be extensive documentation per site to submit.

Trash can: Megan will meet with Alderman Pawar to discuss installing (15) trash cans outside the grid route. There was a discussion about adding recycling cans in the area. This will be tabled.

Winter Party: Danielle reported that the event made \$1,900. It was successful, brought new contacts as well as new members and businesses.

SSA Commissioners: Diane asked that we get the official Commissioner list from DHED. She also would like to recruit new commissioners. A list of potential names and businesses were collected.

New Business

Metra Landscaping: Diane said Metra was responsible for the Landscaping but RCC would be in-charge of the maintenance.

Danielle reminded everyone about Greening Event Thursday, 2/26 at 6:30p.m. at Casa Dolce Café and to promote it.

Diane asked Megan if she had suggestions so far. Megan had many but suggested putting banners on the other side of North Center along Montrose. Paul mentioned that SSA could buy banners to promote shopping corridors versus putting business names. IE. Shop Local-Ravenswood, Shop Montrose, Shop Damen etc.

Commissioners discussed sponsorship for Greening Benefit at \$5,000. It was put for a vote and all agreed.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2013 at 2:30p.m.

Meeting was adjourned by Diane at 3:45p.m.