

Greater Ravenswood SSA #31  
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting  
Wednesday, January 16, 2013  
1802 W. Berteau Avenue, Suite 102

Commissioners Attending:

Dr. Andrea Stein  
Diane Walch  
Bill Helm  
Paul Karchestke  
Stephanie Spiegel (by phone)

Commissioners Absent:

Cleetus Freedman  
Vince Saverino  
David Berger  
Ross Outten

Staff:

Charles Daas

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Staff Update:

Due to Charles Daas hospitalization earlier this month, some action items have been a bit delayed. All commissioners are glad to have him back in the saddle and wish him a speedy full recovery.

December Minutes:

December 18th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as amended to reflect a change of 1)RCC Detailed budget to 1)SSA#31 Detailed budget by Bill Helm's motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Spiegel.

Budget Variance/Cash Flow

Cash flow reviewed by the commissioners. Charles Daas reported a year- end cash balance of \$316,137.30. Diane questioned the expense for Christy Weber Clark St. maintenance – that contract should be reviewed – may be a city expense, rather than SSA. Charles will send an updated Budget variance report to commissioners via email.

Banner Program Update

Charles reported that a number of other business have requested banners, including Blackbird, J. Blanton Plumbing, Neesh by D.A.R., Eyesee Ravenswood, Wintrust and Hayes Properties. We discussed the possibility of changing the banner design, possibly holding an art contest in one of our local schools to commission it. It was decided that we would look into the cost of producing a new design before going forward on that front. We will look into expanding the print section of the banner to allow enough space to incorporate the sponsoring business' logo on the banner.

### Trash Can Placement & Service

This topic was tabled after deciding that we would like to consider using the same design elements that will be featured on the bike racks, and to allow time to gather additional quotes for the containers.

### 2013 Meeting Schedule

We have agreed to meet at 1:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday as follows:

February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, August 15, October 17, November 21 and December 19<sup>th</sup>

### SSA #31 Service Provider Contract

Diane discussed her conversation earlier this week with Alderman Pawar who will be approving the 6 month contract for the SSA with the RCC against his better judgment. He's asked to meet to review the timeline of activity with the RCC since the summer. Paul Karchestke and Bill Helm have agreed to participate. Charles reviewed the RCC Strategy Session, Part 1 of which was held January 4<sup>th</sup>, Part 2 to take place January 25, and explained the RCC's position in light of the Alderman's concerns.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Andrea Stein at 3:10 p.m.

Recorder: Diane Walch