

Greater Ravenswood SSA #31
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, December 18, 2012
1802 W. Berteau Avenue, Suite 102

Commissioners Attending:

Dr. Andrea Stein
Paul Karchestke
Diane Walch
David Berger
Bill Helm
Ross Outten
Vince Saverino

Commissioners Absent:

Cleetus Freedman
Stephanie Spiegel

Staff:

Charles Daas
Cecilia Diaz

Call to Order:

Meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

November Minutes:

November 8th meeting minutes were reviewed. Minutes approved.

SSA #31 Status

Diane updated members the budget 2013 was approved by the city but the service provider (RCC) was not. Per conversation with Alderman Pawar, he wants RCC to complete three requirements by January 15th 1) RCC Detailed budget 2) Name RCC board president 3) Organization/ Mission statement complete. If it's not complete, Pawar will act to have the city remove SSA #31 from the RCC.

Commissioners raised concerns about the potential for interruption of services in place if RCC name appears on existing contracts impacting payment for services such as snow and trash removal. Charles will review contract and share information with SSA #31 members for course of action. (Confirmed – contract with SSA, not RCC.)

Ross suggested a joint partnership with Scott Blum from Winnemac Park Advisory to get trash pickup but more to be discussed in future meetings.

Charles provided overview and email response to Alderman Pawar. He added that RCC is tasked to get private funding besides public funding and to evaluate services beyond SSA #31. Commissioners expressed the importance to have an organization like RCC to represent the community.

Street Cleaning and Trash Pickup

Charles provided service information about sidewalk cleaning vendors. More will be discussed around February 2013 meeting. Dr. Stein suggested if there is a provider that could combine all the services under one contract. Charles will look into this possibility.

Holiday Event Reviewed

Charles discussed the Holiday Party and provided cost expense and income report. The event, which attracted 64 patrons, generated \$1,904 in income and \$2,437 in expenses. Members agreed it was a good event and participation that included opportunities to discuss what is SSA #31. Ross suggested several events like the Holiday event throughout SSA #31 to raise awareness where RCC could use as fundraising opportunities. It was agreed that the party would be a joint venture between SSA #31 and RCC and that expenses would be divided between the organizations.

Budget Cash Flow

Charles Daas provided copies of cash flow report as of November 30, 2012. He will provide update at end of month because there are several vendors that were paid like Patch.

Schedule Meeting 2013

All present members agreed to keep monthly meetings on 3rd Thursdays but move the time to 2 pm.

The rest of the agenda was table for the next meeting in January 17, 2013.

Diane Walch adjourned meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Recorder: Cecilia Diaz