

Meeting Minutes
Greater Ravenswood SSA #31 Commissioners' Meeting
September 15th, 2011 3:00 p.m.
1756 W. Wilson Ave.

Attending

Jerry Cuzelis
Diane Walch
Paul Puttrich
Bill Helm
Vince Saverino

RCC staff

Ryan Lowry
Dan Stefanski

Call to Order: The SSA #31 Commissioners' meeting is called to order at 3:05 p.m. by P. Puttrich. Seconded by D. Walch. **Motion carried.**

Review of July meeting minutes

G. Cuzelis motions to approve the July meeting minutes. B. Helm seconds. **Motion Carried.**

Budget Variance and Cashflow

G. Cuzelis indicated that cash is very good and no big changes with the budget variance. G. Cuzelis states that 90-percent of the budget is planned and allocated with \$35,000 in potential carryover. With tax bills coming out later again, second-half payments will probably start coming in late November/early December.

Holiday decoration bids

RCC received three bids for holiday decorations. Upon review of the bids, B. Helm motions to use Folgers Flag and Decorating, Inc. for the 2011-12 services. G. Cuzelis seconds. **Motion Carried.** Installation will take place before Thanksgiving and decorations will be taken down after the beginning of 2012.

Fall pressure washing bids

RCC received three bids for a fall pressure washing throughout SSA #31. After reviewing the bids, B. Helm motions to use Tim's Snowplowing, Inc. for the services. V. Saverino seconds. **Motion carried.** Work will be scheduled to begin at the beginning of October and be done within 7 business days, and will be performed on stretches along Damen and Clark.

Clark Streetscape Planters

In August, Christy Webber Landscapes noted several plants had been stolen from a planter on Lawrence/Ainslie. SSA #31 is responsible to replace stolen plants and the Commission decided to have those replaced before the end of the year. The Commission also had the option to have bulbs planted in the fall to come up in the spring to add to the planters. G. Cuzelis motions to go ahead with the extra planting of the bulbs through Christy Webber Landscapes. B. Helm seconds. **Motion carried.**

Ravenswood ArtWalk Trolley

RCC received a bid proposal from Chicago Trolley Co. for use of a trolley for the Ravenswood ArtWalk Oct. 1-2. SSA #31 has sponsored the trolley and a motion is made by B. Helm to contract with Chicago Trolley Co. for the ArtWalk. D. Walch seconds. **Motion carried.**

RCC Invoice #4

The RCC has presented Invoice No. 4 for July-August to the SSA in the amount of \$9,180. G. Cuzelis motions to approve. B. Helm seconds. **Motion Carried.**

New Business

RCC has received interest for four new SSA Commissioners, with applications being turned in. R. Lowry will reach out to interested Commissioners to come to the next SSA meeting in December.

RCC has received several invoices for businesses taking advantage of the glass etching removal/film installation program. The SSA will keep moving forward with its 2011 policy and try to get more businesses participating.

R. Lowry participated in an on-line meeting with Local Thunder, out of Maine, as a new way for local businesses to enhance their on-line communication with the community. R. Lowry will meet again with Local Thunder at the end of September.

Motion to adjourn by P. Puttrich at 4:00 p.m. B. Helm seconds. **Motion carried.**

The next SSA #31 Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2011.

Recorder: RL