

**Greater Ravenswood-SSA #31
Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
1770 West Berteau Ave, Suite 207**

Call to Order:

- 1) Welcome Paul Kartcheske, David Berger, Nick Yassan, Megan Bunimovich
- 2) Review financials and meeting minutes (motion). **Motion to approve financials made by Nick, seconded by David. Motion carried. Motion to approve July meeting minutes made by David, seconded by Nick. Motion carried.**

3) Old Business:

- a) **Powerwashing:** Megan reported that powerwashing is complete for all corridors in the SSA. The commissioners said that overall it looks good but that there good be some improvements for next year. Megan said no businesses called to complain.

4) New Business

- a) **2016/2017 Snowplowing Vendor Selection** - Three proposals: Cleanstreet, Patch and TSI. Cleanstreet is the current snowplowing vendor. TSI did the powerwashing. Megan said it's difficult to make a comparison between Cleanstreet bills on snow occurrences and others bill on inches of snow. The commissioners asked if Cleanstreet had new equipment, because it broke last year. Patch wants to use ATVs to clean the streets instead of trucks, and the commissioners ruled out Patch. Cleanstreet and TSI both want to store equipment on site. TSI does snow removal for North Center and snow is their primary business. Megan said she's heard conflicting information about the expected snowfall for 2016-17. TSI also offered a no-cap option on the number of inches, but that was more expensive, or a 45" cap at a lower rate. **Motion to hire TSI at the 45" cap made by Nick, seconded by Paul. Motion carries.**
- b) **2017 Landscaping Vendor Selection** - Three proposals: Brickman, Cleanslate and Patch. Brickman is the current vendor and their bid is the same as the previous year. Megan said the budget for landscaping should increase in the future. Megan said Cleanslate is new to our landscaping proposal. Patch was the most expensive bid and over budget. Megan said Brickman is the familiar option and they are responsive to any issues that come up. **Motion to hire Brickman made by Dave, seconded by Nick. Motion carries.**
- c) **2017 Litter Abatement Vendor Selection** – Two proposals: Cleanslate and Cleanstreet. Cleanstreet is the current provider and commissioners said they've been happy with the work. The commissioners said they want to know

the specific schedule that the crews would be working. **Motion to hire Cleanstreet made by Paul, seconded by Dave. Motion carries.**

d) **2016 Additional Landscaping Requests –**

- a. Dara from the Montrose Community Gardens asked for butterfly friendly plants installed. Commissioners were concerned it would be destroyed by snowplows and said there wasn't money in the budget for it. Denied landscaping request for the Community garden.
 - Megan said there is a neglected bumpout on Ravenswood between Montrose and Berteau. She said the SSA will conduct an assessment of such bumpouts to find where picnic tables could be placed for employees to eat at.
 - Another bumpout at Lawrence and Ravenswood is neglected, but staff wasn't sure whether it was the SSA's responsibility.
 - The SSA is also investigating an abandoned bus shelter near Montrose and Ravenswood and whose responsibility it is.

e) **Reconstitution Vendor Selection –** Two proposals: PLACE and SB Friedman. Commissioners said the SB Friedman package aligned with what they were looking for most. **Motion to hire SB Friedman made by Nick, seconded by Paul. Motion carries.**

f) **Amended 2017 Budget & Workplan Review –** The city's Office of Budget Management did not want the entire \$80,996 from an expired TIF in the budget line for SSA reconstitution, so the budget must be reapproved. **Motion to approve amended 2017 budget made by Paul, seconded by Nick. Motion carries. Motion to approved amended workplan made by Dave, seconded by Paul. Motion carries.**

- i. **Sole Service Provider –** To approve the Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce as the sole service provider. **Motion made by Nick, seconded by Paul. Motion carries.**

Meeting adjourned.