

Greater Ravenswood-SSA #31
Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 18th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
1770 West Berteau Ave, Suite 207

AGENDA

Call to Order: Attendees Paul Kartcheske, Barbara Boleson, Nick Yassan, Megan Bunimovich.
Motion: Paul; second Barb.

1. Welcome- Megan
2. Review financials and meeting minutes-Not available and will be presented at **March meeting**
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Snow Removal Update-** Limited snow unfortunately resulted in limited plowing, but still needed to abide by the contract.
 - b. **Ravenswood Column-** Project Manufacturer quote is coming in high and going very slowly. Hayes is trying to get them down.
4. **New business**
 - a. **Corridor Landscaping-** met with landscapers who will likely begin Spring clean up early, but not planting until after Easter/mid-April. Office of Alderman Pawar is willing to work with us on finding funds to provide trees for Clark Street. Paul will continue generating his list and provide building #'s on Clark Street.
 - b. **Audit Meeting** – April 21st will be rescheduled for March 17th; next meeting in June to review budget.
 - c. **Farmer's Market Schedule-** Farmers Markets will be weekly Wednesday nights May-September, but need a push for PR to get the people going through there and get foot traffic up the church parking lot on Ainslie and Damen.. **Motion for SSA to earmark \$5000 for supplies for the Farmer's Market- Paul; Barbara 2nd. Approved**
5. **Chicago Sculpture Exhibit-** We are going to sponsor 2 sculptures; one by Black Ensemble; the other proposed location is yet to be determined.
6. **Utility Boxes-** Proposal from current artist is asking \$600 for art and \$600 for install. \$1200 total for each of box we aim to do (approx 6-10 boxes). Barbara asked about shelf life, which Megan believes is about 3 years. Costs are lower to replace since art work & lazar cutting is already done. Megan wants to also explore other options: historical

figures on Ravenswood or potential competition, including schools. SSA will need to come up with potential costs for artist proposal. Goal is to get 10 for under the 5K. More information will be forthcoming in March

7. **New Event** - The one day outdoor street festival focusing on the breweries of Ravenswood that will take place June 25th with GRCC partnering with Empirical and Bowmanville Community Organization. We are asking for 5K in funds to offset costs for marketing, tents, overhead for brewery costs, etc. **Motion- Paul motions to support the new event with a 5K sponsorship for new event. Nick seconds.**

8. **SSA Commissioner Training** Commissioner training with involve the structure and ethics. Treasurer spot is open and will likely be filled by Barb and Nick. 2/24/2016 at City Hall.

9. Two more line items added on late:

- a. 1) Rainbow Lofts have submitted a request for security cameras and use the façade rebate program to help offset the cost. Cameras would have internet streamed cameras on the front door facing Clark street. **SSA will provide \$1500 for the project, per motion by Paul; 2nd Nick.**
- b. 2) Our Master Plan 15K line item since there is not TIF to support that plan; Megan is proposing the SSA reallocate funds set aside for the Master Plan into a PR fund that would help the GRCC/RCC showcase and draw much needed PR to the businesses/events/programs in 2016. **Barbara motioned to move \$15k from master planning line item 4.08 to 1.09 motion to approve funding for PR process; seconded by Nick.**