



**Greater Ravenswood-SSA #31
Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.
1802 West Berteau Ave, Suite 102**

Minutes

- 1) Welcome- Paul Kartcheske, Stephanie Spiegel, David Berger, Nick Yassan, Megan Bunimovich
 - a) Public Attendee: Paul Link
- 2) Call to order- Paul K.
- 3) Review financials- Year to date
 - 0% district planning because reconstitution will be in 2017, therefore it's carried over
 - Façade improvements are at 66% to date and Megan said it will go up due to demand in rebate program
 - Public way aesthetics - holiday decorations have yet to go up;
 - Public art - working with 47th Ward office on decorating utility boxes
 - Public transit improvements are at 0% because it will be used for Façade Rebate Program
 - Streetscape elements and signage will be used this year
 - Public way maintenance at 54% due to snow plowing hasn't come in and pressure washing was kept at 8K and hasn't finished from the year

 - American Eagle Bank provided us with a line of credit, is holding our loan and the SSA deposits will go there now.

 - Goal/aim is to maintain a 100K carry over each year because you need the Q1 for services.

Motion to accept minutes and financials- motion Paul K seconded by Stephanie.

- 4) Old Business
 - a) Snow Removal Vendor Selection-

Snow RFP was sent out. 50-55 inches is average annual snowfall

 - Clean Street is the least expensive for occurrences vs. capped, but requires a large deposit by October.
 - Patch is the most expensive for both services.
 - TSI is in the middle of both services
 - Brickman is also high for both service.

Members of the commission had questions about fleet size and amount of workers and would prefer to work with someone who is very familiar with the area.

Motion to go with Clean Street by Stephanie, seconded by David.

Motion to move \$6,900 from line item 2.102- 2.09 from Sidewalk power washing (what was saved) over to snow removal by Paul, seconded by Stephanie.

- b) Taste of Ravenswood Sponsorship
- Inaugural event with local breweries and select chefs at the Ravenswood Event Center on Friday November 13th is asking for 5K in sponsorship

Motion to sponsor event by Stephanie and seconded by David.

- c) Façade Rebate Program
- Three businesses have completed the program this year, including the property owner of 4640 N Ravenswood (both store fronts for 5K max), two smaller awnings, plus the mural project at Band of Bohemia's new space.
 - These projects will be above the 10K

Motion to move 2K from public transit enhancements 3.03 to 2.03 to façade enhancement by Stephanie and Paul F seconded.

- d) Commemorating Diane
- Suggesting bench or bees as an idea to commemorate all her hard work on bringing gardens to the Metra.
 - Paul F suggested a plaque would last longer
 - Suggested also to see if Joe Hayes would want to match our donation
- e) Clark Street Planters
- 5K to take care of all of the planters was done in September
 - Paul asked about the tree replacement
 - Alderman will be asked \$800 for tree and also asked Dept of Forestry when they would plant
 - Megan also asked if grids could be placed along Montrose trees. Follow up is required regarding this.
- f) Ravenswood Artwalk- coming up Sept 19th and 20th.
- g) Community Market- last one is coming up in October with autumn theme. We'll track attendance and feedback to see if a true Farmers Market could take hold.
- h) Ravenswood Column- there will be a meeting notification going out about final mock ups to follow.

5) New business

- a) Holiday Walk- 2015 will be along Lawrence and Damen instead of Montrose and Ravenswood. CTA ads are about 10K if SSA wants to do this again. Agreed the ads for 5K should be looked into and specs will be sent out to approve over email as they come in. Nick was inquiring about display cases outside of train stops for promotional opportunity for businesses, outlining retail corridor and special events. He and Megan will round back about the idea.
- b) Utility box art- talking with Ernie at 47th to vet partners to wrap boxes.
- c) Garden Sculpture Install Art- project bought up by Dara from 47th Ward approached Megan about using the bump out along Ravenswood between Montrose and Berteau. Polar Mtg. agreed to allow have the piece near their bump out.

- Artist is in charge of the maintenance
- Question about damage came up
- More information is needed before decision

Motion was denied at this time until more information was provided by Dara.

Meeting time was suggested by Stephanie at 3pm start time. Next meeting will be November 19th.

Motion to adjourn SSA Commissioner meeting by Paul K, seconded by Stephanie.