

SSA # 16 Commissioner Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2016

Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. and there was a quorum present.

Review of Meeting minutes – The May 26, 2016 SSA #16 meeting minutes were approved as amended on motion by FC and second by EM. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

**A) SSA Program Manager – Review**

FC provided a copy of a resume of a potential candidate for assisting SSA #16. Commissioners reviewed the resume of Susan Downs. The commissioners feel the experience would fit well for the duties and decided to move forward to understand the Susan's needs. FC will contact Susan to understand salary requirements and number of hours. RB suggested we also get a writing sample to review as the SSA will need this skill set going forward. FC will follow up for the next SSA meeting

**B) Parade Float – Honoree**

FC reported the next Columbus Day parade will be held October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The SSA needs an honoree. It was suggested to ask DTM an appropriate group would be to participate. LR would contact Dean's office to get ideas of honorees.

**C) Commissioner Vacancy – Potential Candidates**

Commissioners reviewed a number of potential candidates for the opening to be filled. FC suggested James Manolakos and William Tsourapas be considered. Yanna Siasis was another named to consider. RB will send James Manolakos and William Tsourapas an application for SSA commissioners. FC will work on additional candidates to consider.

**D) 2017 Budget & Work Plan – EAV Update & TIF Rebate**

RB presented the 2017 budget & work plan from the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 SSA Meeting and provided an update to the EAV and TIF Rebate policy. RB provided detail report on the current EAV released from Cook County to show an increase from 48 Million to 70 Million. The increase shows the continued work of bringing significant economic value to the Greektown community.

DPD update RB on the TIF Rebate policy which requires SSA's to include TIF rebates as a means to lower the levy rate. SSA should figure the \$84,531 per year rebated back to the Greektown community over the remainder of the SSA #16 term. An additional meeting with be called to review the increase in EAV and TIF rebate. An updated 2017 Budget and Work Plan will be presented at the next SSA meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. DTM suggest we retain Kimberly Bares from Place Consulting to help with the Community meeting require by state statue. RB will contact Kimberly to provide a proposal of services.

**E) 2015 Carry Over Funds – 2016 Budget Amendment**

RB reported the 2015 carry over to be \$58,563. This includes outstanding project such as the hanging baskets and branding & marketing projects. The finance committee will meet to provide details on allocation of an amended 2016 budget.

## Old Business

### **A) AGB Security – Update**

RB reported the SSA executed the contract to have AGB Security to conduct an analysis of Greektown SSA #16. AGB is expected to start after the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 holiday.

### **B) Van Buren Park – Update**

FC and CA provided renderings of the new Van Buren Park located on the south/East corner of Halsted and Van Buren and timeline of completion. The project now will be completed by March of 2018 moving the priority up from 2020. Meeting with IDOT provided additional feedback and concepts of how the park would look. It was agreed by all that Concept B with scheme c was preferred. Also, 4 flag poles including flags from Chicago/Greek/State of Illinois/American be used in the plaza. DTM suggested we name the new plaza area Elysian and engrave the name on the back retaining wall. FC will provide feedback to IDOT for a revised rendering based on commissioner recommendations.

### **C) Rodent Update**

Jesse Smart from Alderman Burnett's office attended the meeting to provide an update to what the City of Chicago is doing to help with the rodent abatement. Jesse reported the City of Chicago baiting 4 times in the alleys and will continue to bait by focusing now along the highway. FC will coordinate a meeting with the owners of the vacant property located at the NW corner of Halsted/Van Buren to address concerns of the community about the impact the vacant lot is having on the community.

### **D) Branding & Marketing Update**

Ron & Cole provided an update to the current project. Idea Kitchen provided copies of Revitalizing and Beautification and Street Art Marketing proposals. IK believes these two proposals will yield the biggest return for the Greektown community and suggests we focus on these ideas to help revitalize the area business and traffic. Estimates for executing the plans will be provided at the next meeting.

### **E) Other Business**

FC provided cost estimates for fixing the lighting and adding additional lighting to the Van Buren Monument. The cost would be \$9,180. Additional proposal for repair and duct pointing would be \$22,625. These estimates are significantly lower than proposal provided by Berglund Construction. A motion by EM and second by LR for approval of the work to be done by QC enterprises.

FC is reviewing the trolley proposal and will update the commissioners at the next meeting.

DTM will provide details on all the monuments and columns in Greektown for future plaques to be installed. Commissioners expressed an interest for the community to understand the significant of each artifact along the highway and Halsted/Monroe and Halsted/Van Buren.

Adjournment:

There was a motion made at 5:44 P.M. by EM and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.