

GREEKTOWN SSA#16 NOVEMBER 16, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo ("FC")
Tom Bonanno ("TB")
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras ("LR")
Anastasia Makridakis ("AM")
Ceasar Melidis ("CM")
Eve Moran ("EM")
Alex Theoharis ("AT")

Others Attending

Rod Burch ("RB"), Exec. Director WCA
Dean T. Maragos ("DTM"), Advisor
Susan Downs
Chuck Vitogiannis, Mr. Greek Gyros
Peter Vitogiannis, Mr. Greek Gyros
Katie Niemiec, Zapwater Comm.
Leo Louchios, Greektown Ed. Found.
Pauline Dengler, State's Atty's Office

Commissioners Absent

Tom Paspalas
Marc Washor

I. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes – The October 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes were amended. There was a motion by LR and seconded by FC to accept the meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

- A. Greektown Safety Update** – FC stated that there was a meeting with FC, RB, DTM, 12th District Commander Chung and Sergeant Gurtowski at the 12th District office. Commander Chung and Sergeant Gurtowski stated they are still investigating the shooting incident at Taco Burrito King on Jackson Street. As of today the Police did not complete their report. BACP hasn't reported to the SSA the hours of approved operation. DTM read drafts of letters to the Commander, the Alderman and City BACP that were requested by the Commander, the Alderman and SSA #16 Chairman Frank Caputo. DTM said they must look at the facts and do the appropriate action. Leo Louchios ("LL") said that 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. initially stopped the violence in the neighborhood when it was instituted from January 2016 to the present. LL now stated that it was believed that Taco Burrito King and Chinese Yum Yum were open past 4:00 a.m. It was proven by the Chicago Tribune article that Taco Burrito King was open after 4:00 a.m. since the incident occurred at its establishment in October of 2017 at 4:21 a.m. according to the Chicago Tribune. RB stated that we needed immediately to send a letter to the Alderman memorializing the historical efforts of the SSA #16 since 2015 to increase safety in the neighborhood and the LED lights and progress made for community safety. FC said the Taco Burrito King was not amenable to reasonable steps of closing from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. at the meetings held at the SSA in 2015 and 2016. Officer Dengler from the Cook

County State's Attorney's Office stated that she was not an attorney but a community liaison. She wanted to inform the SSA that the current indictments have been made against the perpetrators of the shooting. She also stated there will be hearings in the future that the State's Attorney's Office will keep the SSA apprised of in the event that individuals with knowledge would testify at the hearing. DTM said he would get the revised letters to FC and RB to send to the Alderman and the Commander and the various community groups.

- B. CTA Station – Greektown Signage** – FC reported on the CTA signs and informed the SSA of the progress.

IV. New Business

- A. 2018 SSA Meeting Calendar** – The 2018 SSA Meeting Calendar was presented. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by EM to accept the 2018 with one change that should read June 21, 2018 not June 22, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. 2017 Budget Adjustments** – RB stated that the amended 2017 Budget was passed on November 8, 2016 at City Council and the 2018 Budget was also passed. RB stated that there was a change needed of \$15,000 from line item 2.04 "Way Finding Signage" to line item 2.06 "Public Art". Motion made by EM and seconded by AM to approve this change. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Open Session

- A. Greektown Art Committee Update** – EM went to a City symposium and there she met the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs. EM also spoke with John Kass of the Chicago Tribune for a possible article on the progress made on the art in Greektown. EM reported on community participation in the "Caravakia" for the holidays. Now there are thirty Caravakia and additional funds will need to be presented to the SSA for the program. The big boat is completed and Peter Vitogiannis of Mr. Gyros stated he would gladly store the artifacts in a building he owns.
- B. Zapwater PR/Social Media Update** – Katie from Zapwater reported the following: The media placement on the Trolley Program and print ads was completed, the "Blackboard" online program was started, there were ads in the new City Chicago concerning the Trolley Program, the Pegasus Anniversary menu was featured, the Thanksgiving dessert menu was completed, Chicago Splash online carried stories about the SSA, Holiday gift ideas were also featured, Christmas Lighting and art projects and the Chef's Tour project was moving forward. The 2018 Media Strategy was being prepared. The Dinghy Auction was also being prepared. The "Four Strings" performance is also being worked on in 2018. There were blogs and newsletters in 2018 that will be featured at the end of every month. Social Media will be once again used for the Greektown Trolley, the Pegasus Anniversary and Christmas Lighting. There will be Influencers hosted for a Basketball Evening of free basketball and food at the Greek Islands. There will be four Influencers at the Bulls game.
- C. Financial Update** – The Financial Update was completed by RB earlier in this meeting.
- D. Contract Update** – DTM reported that neither Chicago Trolley nor Twin Electric got him copies of their contracts so that he could amend them. Per RB's and FC's request, DTM prepared a sample Independent Contractor Contract to be

placed in every new RFP and to be given to Chicago Trolley and Twin Electric to complete.

VI. Community Participation – FC stated that the tree lighting will be on December 9, 2017. FC also stated that the hanging baskets all now have foliage in them.

VII. Adjournment - At 4:00 p.m. there was a motion made for adjournment by FC, and seconded by TB. The motion passed unanimously.