

## GREEKTOWN SSA#16 JANUARY 25, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

### Commissioners Attending

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

### Commissioners Absent

Cesar Melidis  
Tom Paspalas  
Marc Washor

### Others Attending

Rod Burch ("RB"), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos ("DTM"), Advisor  
Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr., 27<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Leo Louchios, Greektown Ed. Found.  
Madeleine Kukanza, Zapwater  
Jesse Smart, 27<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Stephanie Reay, Zapwater  
Andrew Burton, 770 W. Gladys  
Mark Carroll, 314 S. Halsted

**I. Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m. There was a quorum present.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes** – The December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. There was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to approve the December 7, 2017 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. New Business**

- A. Commissioner Renewal (Thomas Bonanno)** – There was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to continue Thomas Bonanno as a Commissioner of the SSA #16 for 2018. Thomas Bonanno has his office in the SSA office for the past seven years and has been a Commissioner since 2012. Thomas Bonanno previously had his office at 167 W. Jackson Street from 2007 to 2009. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Greektown Plan of Operations Letter to Alderman Burnett** – Alderman Burnett attended the meeting and informed the SSA that his office sent a letter to the Department of Business Affairs to hold a meeting with the owners of 24 hour restaurants on Jackson Street east of Halsted. The meeting is to discuss the owners signing a Plan of Operations that they will close their establishments from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. every night. DTM stated this is the community meeting with the Department of Business Affairs that commences the Plan of Operations being enacted. The SSA should state that the particular merchant should sign a Plan of Operations and if there are no criminal incidents within those 6 months then they will continue the identical Plan of Operations. If there is a shooting or an incident then more stringent matters will be required in the Plan of Operations.

FC stated that he would like a "no guns sign" on all the establishments in Greektown. Leo Louchios provided the legally approved notice in the State of Illinois to have these emblems established on all the restaurants in the Greektown area.

- C. **Hellenic Heartbeat (Contract)** – The Hellenic Heartbeat Contract was reviewed and sent for signature.
- D. **Façade Rebate Pilot Program** - RB reported that there was \$22,000 in the 2018 Budget for this and that he will have information on the Rebate Program for the commission to vote on at the next meeting.
- E. **Camera Rebate Pilot Program** - The 2018 Budget allows \$10,000 for camera rebates and guidelines for applicants to use them that were drafted by RB. RB said the property owner and tenants will be subject to the cameras focused only on the public way. FC said a letter should be sent to the merchants who want the cameras. RB stated he spoke with Chicago Police Department Sergeant Crespo and Sgt. Crespo stated that the 12<sup>th</sup> District Police do not want these cameras hooked up to the Office of Emergency Management & Communications (OEMC).
- F. **WindyCity Greek Proposal** – AM stated she used WindyCity Greek (WCG) in the past for the Art Initiative and WCG sent a reporter to do a full story on this. EM made a motion, seconded by TB, to accept the \$4,200 proposal given by WCG for activities in 2018. RB wanted to make sure that we get a “click rate” monthly report for all ads with WCG. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. **Easter Decorations Proposal** – FC stated this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- H. **Development Review: 314-318 S. Halsted Street** – FC stated that there was a Type 1 classification zoning report for the 314, 316, and 318 S. Halsted project. Alderman Burnett stated that the developer had rights “as of right” under the Zoning Code but he wanted to clarify the status of the work to be done in the building under the DX5 zoning so that the community could make sure that this would be beneficial for the community. The Alderman wanted the SSA to vote on this after the presentation. After the presentation there was a motion by EM, seconded by LRL to accept the Type 1 narrative. The motion passed unanimously.
- I. **2018 Greektown New Public Art Proposal** – EM presented a report and she stated that Project #1 the “Temple Art” required a \$3,500 rental to the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit Company. Motion by EM and seconded by AM to accept the \$3,500 proposal for 2018. The motion passed unanimously. Project #2 “Imaging Pharos” the 2018 Budget would be \$50,500 and this would go from May to October. EM explained that the students at the Greektown Educational Foundation would paint some of the lighthouses. There would be a plaque stating “this particular school painted this lighthouse”. The amount to install is \$30,000 in May 2018 or sooner. There was a motion by EM and seconded by LRL to accept the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. Open Session

- A. **Greektown Art Committee Update** – EM stated that there are 10 small dinghies and six of the large dinghies are going to churches to be auctioned. The large dinghies would go to the Y.M.C.A., the Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, the Greektown Educational Foundation, the Children’s Theater and two for the Taste of Greece. This will be discussed at the next meeting in February. EM stated that her assistant Connie will store all the dinghies.
- B. **Zapwater PR/Social Media Update** – Zapwater representative Madeleine Kukanza reported:
  - 1 The Greek Islands had an article on how soup can help to prevent colds.

- 2 Corri McFadden said she is posting more information on Greektown Restaurants on her "lifestyle fashion blog".
  - 3 Between February 3<sup>rd</sup> & February 18<sup>th</sup> there will be restaurants to participate in a program.
  - 4 On February 18<sup>th</sup> there is a Valentine's Outreach at 3-4 pm featuring the Four Strings Quartet at the Athena. This is pursuant to the Chicago theme of the "Year of the Creative Youth".
  - 5 There is a local mailer going out to the regional press on this event.
  - 6 The Chicago Bulls' game influencer evening went very well.
  - 7 Madeleine will be working with the Hellenic Heartbeat and may need the SSA to contact them.
- C. CTA Station - Greektown Signage Update** – FC will report at the next meeting.
- D. Strategic Plan Update** – RB stated that we will be concentrating on the Taste of Greece, the Greek Marathon and a Wine Festival. There are interviews scheduled for "Key Stakeholders" from February 8<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup> for the Strategic Plan.
- E. New Store Openings: Xfinity Store & Square Roots Kitchen** – There is a new Xfinity store and Square Roots Kitchen in the neighborhood.

#### **V. Community Participation**

- A. Leo Louchios suggested that there be a Taste Festival meeting. The date and time of the meeting will be set at the next SSA Meeting on February 18, 2018. The SSA will have an agenda to participate and there will be established a Taste Committee which will include members of the SSA #16.

**VI. Adjournment** - At 5:00 p.m. there was a motion made for adjournment by LRL, and seconded by EM. The motion passed unanimously.