

**GREEKTOWN SSA#16
APRIL 26, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Attending

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

Others Attending

Rod Burch ("RB"), Exec. Director WCA
Dean T. Maragos, ("DTM"), Advisor
Susan Downs, ("SD")
Nick Kalogeresis, ("NK"), Lakota Group
Leo Louchios, Greektown Ed. Found.
Madeleine Kukanza, Zapwater Comm.

Commissioners Absent

Cesar Melidis
Tom Paspalas
Marc Washor

I. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes – The March 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. There was a motion by FC and seconded by TB to approve the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. Greektown Master Plan – Lakota Group – Nick Kalogeresis (NK) from the Lakota Group stated that phase one of their analysis was done. They were working on the "State of the Greektown Report" and stating the potential plan strategy. Phase two will be done by September 2018. NK stated that he spoke with the community stakeholders and walked in the community area. He reviewed transportation, business development and land use. On May 24, 2018 there will be a community meeting at the Crowne Plaza where there will be a presentation of the work done and their strategies.

NK said that there will be a community engagement plan. NK said they will work with Zapwater. NK also stated there will be a trade area study and there will be a map in the restaurants for patrons to inform us what demographic area they are coming from. This will allow NK to establish a patron survey that he suggested should be between 2 – 6 restaurants. Motion was made by FC and seconded by RB for Trip Advisor to do a map. The motion passed unanimously. Zapwater and FC will keep Lakota Group apprised of the map program. NK will inform FC, RB and Zapwater of the status.

B. Security Grant Pilot Program & Façade Rebate Pilot Program – RB updated the commission on the status on DPD. DTM made amendments to the original proposal. RB said the rollout will be in the next few weeks.

C. Hellenic Heartbeat – RB and FC stated they were trying to get the broadcast schedule and footage of the work done by Hellenic Heartbeat on the Greek

events. RB spoke with Vicky Kournetas on a specific schedule of what air times had occurred. They are still waiting for a response. Leo Louchios said he will call the Hellenic Heartbeat and see if we can set up a meeting time.

IV. New Business

- A. Food & Drink Chicago LLC – Liquor License – 820 W. Jackson** – Mr. Francis Ostien, Esquire and his client Mr. Daniel Ware were present at the SSA meeting and discussed their concept for a restaurant. The commission made it very clear to both Mr. Ware and Mr. Ostien that there were law enforcement problems and Deleterious Impact problems already in the neighborhood since the restaurant “Taco Burrito King” across the street from them had a shooting in which a person was actually shot inside the establishment. Mr. Ostien and Mr. Ware stated they were aware of that and that the SSA’s concerns are valid concerns.

Mr. Ware stated that his restaurant will be large with 140 occupancy capability. Mr. Ware and Mr. Ostien submitted a draft of a Plan of Operations seeking the SSA’s suggestions for the Plan. The SSA stated that they need definitive statements, definitive hours closing at midnight, seven days a week. FC stated he would contact Sgt. Gurtowski of the 1st District. The SSA asked Mr. Ware who was the Chef and the Manager. The SSA requested a resume from both of the Chef and Manager candidates. The SSA requested to meet at the next meeting with their Chef and their Manager to speak with them concerning their new operation at 820 W. Jackson.

The new owner stated he would be subject to the Plan of Operations. The SSA stated that attending the CAPS meetings would also be required. Concerning parking, Mr. Ware stated there would be valet service and that there would be contracts with valet services. There would be security after midnight once the restaurant is established and is allowed to change the Plan of Operation within one year or two years to allow after-midnight activities. The SSA asked them to identify the Security Plan. The SSA stated that they would submit to Mr. Ostien their suggested Plan of Operation items and all agreed that Mr. Ostien would bring his Chef and his Manager to discuss the new project with the SSA. The SSA requested and Mr. Ware agreed to have recordings of the internal and external security cameras and to store them for ninety days for police use on an emergency basis. He also stated that he would have trained onsite personnel to be able to go to the recorded footage immediately on an emergency basis if requested by police.

- B. 2017 SSA Audit** – RB reported on the 2017 SSA Audit.

V. Reports

- A. Greektown Art Committee** – The Greektown Art Committee will be meeting and RB will attend the next meeting. RB discussed the new lighthouses.
- B. Zapwater PR/Social Media** - Madeline Kukanza from Zapwater reported:
- 1 There was a television parade segment on Greektown.
 - 2 There was a segment on the Orpheus Dancers on how to Greek Dance.
 - 3 The Chicago Tribune had articles on the Greektown Parade.

4 FinAir Airlines from Helsinki to Chicago is going to bring some European journalists.

FC thanked the Zapwater team for their communications operations. RB discussed drones.

C. Chairman Update – FC, SD and RB worked on a great SSA Annual Report and the Commission thanked them all for their excellent work.

D. Safety & Security – FC stated the SSA is working with the Police Department to make it more secure.

E. SSP (Update) – RB reported on the SSP.

VI. Community Participation - There was no community participation at this meeting.

VII. Adjournment - At 4.30 p.m. there was a motion made for adjournment by FC, and seconded by TB. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is May 24, 2018.