

**GREEKTOWN SSA#16
JULY 12, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Attending

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

Commissioners Absent

Cesar Melidis
Marc Washor

Others Attending

Rod Burch ("RB"), Exec. Director WCA	
Dean T. Maragos, ("DTM"), Advisor	
Susan Downs	Pauline Dengler
Janice Dillon	Donovan Pepper
Jeff Burke	Jason Kimbrough
Terry Hatton	Francis Ostian
Darryl Griffin	Brittany Spears
Alicia Griffin	Leo Louchios
Kevin Salmon	James Japlon
Kyara Wright	Jerry Prampin
Karmin Daniel	James Laska

I. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes – The June 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. There was a motion by TB and seconded by AT to accept the June 21, 2018 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business

A. New CAPS Officer – The new CAPS Officer is James Olskanski.

B. Presentations for Private Security – HLSA Security, Inc., Andy Frain Services, AGB Innovative Security Solutions and Blue Star Security, Ltd. all interviewed with the SSA Commissioners.

- i) HLSA Security, Inc. – The owner is Janice Dillon and her assistant is Jeff Burke. Ms. Dillon is a retired Chicago Police Captain in the 13th District. Her company is four years old. HLSA Security is a certified City of Chicago Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE). HLSA is currently servicing SSA #1, #8, #17 and #34. The hours they serve the SSAs are 10:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. They hire off-duty policemen as Illinois Security Officers and they are armed. Ms. Dillon will go to Court on behalf of the SSA to convict criminals who have been apprehended by them or the Chicago Police. HLSA has three vehicles that say "Special Patrol". They will attach an SSA #16 tag on their "Special Patrol" vehicles. They have foot patrols in addition to the Special Patrol vehicles. HLSA has \$1 million insurance coverage.
- ii) Andy Frain Services – Terry Hatton spoke and said they are primarily an event oriented company. They have armed and unarmed guards who are members of the Chicago Police Force. They do not have any SSA clients. They have patrol vehicles. They have a "prism" system.
- iii) AGB Innovative Security Solutions – Darryl Griffin, Alicia Harper and Captain Salmon attended on behalf of AGB. They currently work with SSA #48 (Old

Town) and SSA #63, #45 and seven other SSAs. They have sixteen weeks of training. They can request either Police or non-Police guards. They have body cameras on all of their workers. Their armed security costs \$28 and unarmed security costs \$24. They also do drone monitoring and use Fleetmatics GPS tracking. They contact the Chicago Police immediately through their digital radios and they dispatch 24 hours/day. The hours of operation in SSA #48 are 10:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. They also have foot patrols and flashing lights.

- iv) Blue Star Security, Ltd. – Jim Laska, Mr. Previn and Ms. Carmen attended on behalf of Blue Star. They stated their security members were all employees and they have no independent contractors. They work the Chicago Riverwalk and have a foot patrol on Friday and Saturday. They hire active Police members. They suggested two 2-men teams and do not recommend patrol cars but prefer bikes. They build a merchant- Police relationship. They recommended patrols for Thursday through Sunday.

- C. Food & Drink Chicago, LLC. (820 W. Jackson)** – Francis Ostian (FO) the lawyer for Food & Drink Chicago made their presentation. He stated they will be adding extra cameras for Green Street. They would also have uniformed security from 11 p.m. until closing at 2 a.m. FO stated they will not seek a Public Place of Amusement license ever. They will work with the SSA security. They would request 1 a.m. closing on Sunday through Friday and 1 a.m. closing on Saturday. They want to work with the 12th District Police. FO said he had no Commander objection. RB and FC stated they spoke with the Commander and he had not yet approved them. There was a motion made by TB and seconded by TP to allow them for 90 days to close at 2 a.m. on Saturday nights and on Sunday through Friday nights closing at 1 a.m. There will be a 90 day probation period ending October 12, 2018 at which time the SSA will review the status of the restaurant safety and community operations record and will recommend either an earlier closing time, later closing time, same closing time or continue the probation. There were three yes votes for the motion, TP, TB and LL and the no votes against the motion were AM & AT.

After the vote occurred and Food & Drink Chicago received their approval for probationary period hours of operation, DTM read a letter that FO and the owner Daniel Ware wrote to the Mayor's License Commission claiming that the SSA #16 and DTM were "racists" in their proceedings on this matter for approval by the SSA. After vehement discussion against FO by all the SSA #16 commissioners and DTM, FO was asked if he thought after the proceedings had concluded whether or not DTM and the SSA were racially motivated. FO admitted that he was wrong in his assessment and at the meeting he wrote a retraction that both he and his client were materially mistaken in their assumption that the SSA and/or DTM were in any way racially motivated in this matter. FO also stated he would file that with the Mayor's License Commission. DTM also informed FO that per FO's suggestion, FO would send a retraction letter and a notification to the Mayor's License Commission that at no time was the SSA or their attorney DTM racist in any manner in this matter and would send a signed copy of the retraction letter to the SSA and DTM.

FO wrote a letter to the Mayor's License Commission that he was mistaken concerning the SSA #16 and/or DTM and that in his opinion neither the SSA #16 nor DTM acted in a racist manner at any time concerning this matter.

IV. Old Business

- A. 2018 Budget Amendment** – RB discussed the amendments to the 2018 Budget. Motion made by TB and seconded by LL to accept the report of RB. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. 2019 Budget & Service Provider** – RB discussed the matter concerning the 2019 Budget and the Sole Service Provider. There was a motion made by LL and seconded by FC to approve the 2019 Budget and to approve the West Central Association as the Sole Service Provider. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Community Participation

- A.** There was a discussion by AM concerning \$20,000 for funding from the SSA for the GreekFest. After much discussion there was a motion made by FC and seconded by TB to review the matter at the next SSA meeting.

VI. Adjournment - At 6:23 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 September 27, 2018.