

GREEKTOWN SSA#16 NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)
Tom Paspalas, (TP)
Alex Theoharis, (AT)
Marc Washor
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras, via phone

Commissioners Absent

Tom Bonanno
Eve Moran

Others Attending

Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Susan Downs, (SD)
Ashley McCoy, AGB Security
Capt. K. Salmon, AGB Security
Melanie Richtman, Zapwater
Maria Tsourapas
Salvador Lamas, Taco Burrito King
Chris Lamas, Taco Burrito King
Thanos Markakis
Nick Kriarakis
Peter Vitogianis
Leo Louchios
Margy Sweeney, Akrete
Karen Pittenger, Black Olive
A. Meek

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There was a call to the audience for community participation but no one had any questions.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of October 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the October 24, 2019 Meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by FC, seconded by AT, to approve the October 24, 2019 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. 2019 Greektown Christmas Ceremony

- a. Event Budget – Additional Expenses – Susan Downs reported that there was an email vote of 5 yes to the house proposal for \$14,772.36. There was a motion by AM, and seconded by FC to ratify the email vote. The motion passed unanimously to ratify.

- b. Event Update

Bus Proposal – SD reported the Bus Proposal to the churches is \$843 for all three buses. Motion made by FC and seconded by AT to approve the \$843. The motion passed unanimously. FC stated that five churches and local communities will be participating.

Tent – There will be a tent with holiday meals for the children. Maria Tsourapas stated that she believes this is an outstanding way to increase

awareness of the Greek Orthodox Christmas Tradition and that Social Media will also be relevant in carrying the message of Greek traditions.

Christmas Tree Decorations - There was a motion by FC and seconded by AT to approve \$1,100.00 for Christmas tree decorations. The motion passed unanimously.

Lenten Meals - There was a motion by FC and seconded by AM to approve \$3,178.00 for the 150 Lenten meals prepared by 9 Muses. The motion passed unanimously.

Banners - There will be a total of eight banners, five inside, two outside and one step and repeat banner for a cost of \$3,000.00. Motion made by AM and seconded by FC to approve the \$3,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Event Planner – The Event Planner will cost \$300.00. There was a motion by AT, seconded by AM to approve the \$300.00. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Receptacles** – SD stated that there will be concrete and metal receptacles for trash with the Lakota design. There were questions concerning Chicago Department of Transportation approval which the Board thought needs to be gotten. Lakota was asking for \$2,500.00. This matter was tabled until the December 12th meeting.
- C. Sidewalk Cleaning Coverage – CleanSlate Proposal** – The CleanSlate proposal was \$944.00 for sidewalk cleaning from December 18th to December 28th. There was a motion by FC and seconded by AT to pay the \$944.00 to CleanSlate. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Plan of Operation/Action (Late Night Operators)** – Chris Lamas of Taco Burrito King agreed to the Plan of Operation to close at 4:00 a.m. and all stores on Jackson west of Halsted will agree to the same Plan. There was a motion by FC seconded by TP to approve the Plan of Operations for Taco Burrito King for their signature in compliance and that of all the restaurants west of Halsted on Jackson. The motion passed unanimously. SD stated she will prepare the Plan of Operation for all the signatures of all the merchants.
- E. SSA #16 – Office Space Proposals** – After much discussion concerning other proposals including for the Greek Islands building of \$1,469.00 per month plus property taxes, bringing the total cost per month of \$2,465.00 to the SSA if they accepted this proposal. It was discussed that to stay in the current location at 306 S. Halsted the monthly cost would be \$980.00 with no extra charges. Motion made by FC, seconded by TP to accept the \$980 per month 306 S. Halsted proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Budget Revisions** – There was a sheet prepared by Rod Burch noting the revisions to the Budget (see RB's attached memorandum of bills that were owed). There was a motion by FC, seconded by TP to approve those revisions to the Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports & Updates

A. Chairman Update

- a. Drawbridge Foundation – Presentation (Potential Grants) – Chairman Frank Caputo introduced the Drawbridge Foundation who stated they will help the community to find common ground and get grants for economic development. The discussion on this matter was tabled until the December 12th meeting.

B. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Updates

- a. Third Quarter Performance Report – The Third Quarter Performance Report was given by SD.
- b. Greektown Shoppers Reward Program – The Greektown Shoppers Reward Program was explained by SD.
- c. Community Security Update – AGB Security incident reports were discussed.

VI. Adjournment – Next SSA #16 Commissioner Meeting is December 12, 2019 - At 4:45 p.m. there was a motion by TP, seconded by AT, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commission Meeting is December 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Account From	Account To	Amount	Reason:
1.01 Website	1.06 Holiday Decorations	5000	Additional holiday lighting approved by Commissioners.
1.05 Decorative Banners	1.07 Printed Materials	8000	Additional cost for printed Greektown Chicago logo on promotional merchandise. Event promotion at Taste of Greektown/Christmas Ceremony/Marathon
2.03 Facade Rebate Program	2.02 Landscaping	10000	Additional cost for planters and 2 plantings.
2.04 Wayfinding Signage	2.02 Landscaping	10000	Additional cost for planters and 2 plantings.
2.06 Public Art	2.02 Lanscaping	10000	Additional cost for planters and 2 plantings.
2.04 Wayfinding Signage	2.08 Sidewalk Maintainance	5000	additional days coverage
2.12 Monuments - Maintenance & Repair	2.11 Public Way Insurance	5000	Additional coverage for Public Art, planter coverage
6.05 Office Utilities	6.17 Liability/Property Insurance	500	Budget over insurance threshold. Increase premiums.
Prepared By Rod Burch, WCA Executive Director			
* Note Third Quarter performance Budget for detailed on current budget versus actuals			
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