

**GREEKTOWN SSA#16**  
**May 28, 2020 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

**Commissioners Attending**

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)  
Eve Moran, (EM)  
Nicholas Kriarakis, (NK)  
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)  
Alex Theoharis, (AT)  
Mark Washor, (MW)

**Others Attending**

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos, (DM), Advisor  
Tia Angelos, (TA)

**Commissioners Absent**

Tom Paspalas  
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Community Participation** – There was no community participation.

**III. Review and Vote on Approval of April 23, 2020 and May 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes** – There was a motion by EM, seconded by FC, to approve the May 14, 2020 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. There was a second motion by FC, seconded by AT to approve the April 23, 2020 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. New Business**

- A. 2021 Budget (Workplan & SSP)** – Rod Burch (RB) reported on the budget process and the items in the budget concerning the EAV percentage. There was a motion by AM, seconded by FC to approve the 2021 Budget Workplan and to approve the West Central Association as the Sole Service Provider. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Q1 Performance Report 2020** – RB gave the Q1 Performance Report for 2020. There was a motion by FC and seconded by AM to accept the Q1 Performance Report for 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Connie Hinkle Contract** – RB addressed the Board on the Connie Hinkle contract. There was a motion by FC and seconded by MW to approve the Connie Hinkle contract. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. GARMAT LLC Contract** – RB stated he would ask GARMAT for additional work due to the situation on health problems in the neighborhood. There was a motion by AT and seconded by AM to accept the GARMAT contract as written. The motion passed unanimously. FC stated they are going to be conducting more negotiations based on the dollar amount in the contract.

- E. Zapwater Contract – FC said that he spoke with David Zapata of Zapwater and asked him to revise his contract. David responded to RB that he would look at the contract. RB spoke on the scope of the work and the merchant's needs and revisions that need to be in the contract. AM stated she was concerned about aspects of the contract and wanted to see the negotiations. AM was also concerned about the effectiveness because the consumer response was less than 1%. AT said he has a marketing individual who is interested in perhaps filling the role for Public Relations. RB stated we need an assessment on the situation.
- F. Poulopoulos Invoice – Masks – FC said George Poulopoulos received masks for all the Greektown merchants on an emergency basis at a cost of \$5,390 to the SSA. There was a motion by AM and seconded by EM to approve the \$5,390 and for the SSA to get a common source for hand sanitizers, masks and all PPE items. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. 314-318 W. Halsted Street – Façade Rebate Extension –RB reported on the status. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM to extend the documentation for sixty days that is required by the Façade application. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Rebate Program – Health & Sanitation – TA reported that there were health and sanitation issues in the community. A party can get \$400 in a rebate from the SSA Program. There was a motion by AT and seconded by AM to approve the new rebate program for health and sanitation and to approve the \$5,000 from 4.03 Supplemental Transit to 5.02 Safety Rebate Program. The motion passed unanimously.
- I. Rebate Program – E-Commerce & Digital Marketing – TA reported there will be support for local businesses for Covid19 issues and the parties can receive 50% of the eligible costs. There was a motion by AT and seconded by EM to approve the E-Commerce & Digital Marketing Proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- J. Supporting First Responders & Healthcare Workers – EM stated that we should do something for the First Responders and FC also discussed the matter. EM stated that the Greektown street art sculpture would be sent to the Healthcare facility as a permanent donation from the SSA to show support for the first responders. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM for delivery of \$5,000 of food to first responders located in Stroger Hospital, University of Illinois Hospital and Rush University Medical Center. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – FC gave his report.
- B. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – RB gave his report.
  - a. Commissioner Ethics Extended to June 1<sup>st</sup> - TA stated that she emailed all the commissioners a required online Sexual Harassment Course that all the commissioners must take.

b. Project Updates

Crosswalk Painting - FC said he sent a report on the crosswalk painting to all the commissioners.

Shopper's Reward - TA reported that there was a total of \$881.90 in credits that need to be picked up by the recipients. TA stated she wants the Shopper's Reward renewed to June. RB stated we do not need a motion for that.

c. Zapwater – PR/Marketing Update – Zapwater was discussed in “IV. New Business, paragraph E. Zapwater Contract”.

**VI. Adjournment – Next SSA #16 Commissioner Meeting is June 25, 2020** - At 4:00 p.m. there was a motion by EM, seconded by NK, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner Meeting is June 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.