

GREEKTOWN SSA#16
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 MEETING MINUTES - Final

Commissioners Virtually Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Nicholas Kriarakis, (NK)
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras, (LRL)
Alex Theoharis, (AT)

Others Virtually Attending

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Tia Angelos, (TA)
Justine Fedak (JF)

Commissioners Absent

Tom Paspalas
Mark Washor

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There was no participation by the community.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion by FC, seconded by LRL, to accept the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes as amended by RB. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Greektown Educational Foundation Proposal** – There was a motion by EM and seconded by FC to approve the proposal for \$15,000 to be paid for advertising to the Greektown Educational Foundation per the contract on or before October 1, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. New Commissioner Application from Justine Fedak** – Justine Fedak presented her credentials. FC stated she had very impressive credentials. There was a motion by EM and seconded by LRL to accept JF as a new commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Public Relations Request for Qualifications** – EM reported on the RFQ for the Public Relations Request. EM informed the Board of the SSA PR Committee headed by AM, EM, LRL and Leo Louchios. The committee worked together for a proposal. There was a motion by FC and seconded by LRL to accept the request for RFQ for the Public Relations Firm as revised by the SSA PR Committee. The date of mailing out the RFQ is September 28, 2020 and the response date is October 15, 2020. The motion passed unanimously. There was also a statement that Tia Angelos would be the designated person to answer any questions of any applicants on this RFQ.
- D. Planters Proposal; 3 damaged & 1 missing** – TA reported that she removed some graffiti from some of the planters. There are 3 planters damaged and one

missing. There was a motion by EM and seconded by LRL to wait until Spring of 2021 to order replacement planters. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports & Updates

A. Chairman Report –

- a. Cannabis Dispensary – FC stated he wanted to speak with the parties who are proponents for the dispensary in Greektown. EM stated she wanted to get additional information on the proposal and then meet with the attorney for the cannabis dispensary. DTM was authorized to call Sara Barnes and to request of her to get the transcript and all other relevant materials from the July 28, 2020 community meeting. EM wanted Sara Barnes to come to the October 22, 2020 SSA meeting and to also inform the SSA when they are before the Zoning Board of Appeals for their Special Use.
- b. Crosswalk Painting – FC spoke on the power washing. The proposal for the crosswalk painting was in February of 2019 and the amount was \$134,000. FC stated he was going to try to get a lesser amount or to pay for parts of the program to decrease the cost immediately to the SSA. FC stated he will speak with the City on the options.

B. Arts Committee Report – EM stated she has received two sculptures from the Chicago Cultural Exhibits Company. The first sculpture by Carrie Fisher is located on Van Buren & Halsted. EM is working to get the Monroe & Halsted area with a second sculpture.

C. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report –

- a. Security Update of New Hours - TA reported that AGB Security stated that things are quieting down after midnight at the Taco Burrito King. TA stated that she has spoken with AGB and also the Chicago Police Department (CPD) to stop the double parking and to have a quieter area. Officer Crespo of the CPD stated that they would ticket double parkers.
- b. New Receptacles – FC reported that the receptacles with bands are in other areas and why not in Greektown. RB stated that individuals are eating in their cars and throwing their garbage onto the street. NK suggested that we put up a “Please Don’t Litter” sign around Jackson Street near the restaurants.
- c. Mark Washor & Maria Mitchell Tsourapas Commissioner Applications – TA reported that both Mark Washor & Maria Mitchell Tsourapas need to get new applications to apply and they need to apply as soon as possible.
- d. Financial Update – RB stated that there are adjustments to the property taxes since many appeals are being filed. The Van Buren and 727 projects have materially increased the tax base. TA reported that George Reveliotis and Andre Papantoniou are the owners of the Artopolis

Restaurant and that a letter sent by the former owners in favor of the cannabis dispensary was not authorized by the owners.

VI. Adjournment – Next SSA #16 Commissioner Meeting is October 22, 2020 - At 3:40 p.m. there was a motion by EM and seconded by AM, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner Meeting is October 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.