

**GREEKTOWN SSA#16**  
**January 27, 2022 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES – FINAL**

**Commissioners Virtually Attending**

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)  
Eve Moran, (EM)  
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)  
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras, (LRL)  
Maria Tsourapas, (MT)  
George Reveliotis, (GR)  
Marc Washor, (MW)

**Others Virtually Attending**

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor  
Tia Angelos, (TA), Program Director, SSA #16  
Elizabeth Neukirch, Silverman Group  
Pauline Dengler, Cook County State's Atty's Office  
Bill Kokalias, 812 W. Adams Project

**Commissioners Absent**

Justine Fedak  
Tom Paspalas

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Community Participation** – Bill Kokalias, (BK) of the 812 W. Adams Project, reported that Commonwealth Edison will be shutting down the power during the construction at the 812 W. Adams project site. A fence will be erected for safety in the area during the construction and demolition work. The demolition permit was very strict on protecting the public. The demolition notice will be going out to all the residents on the west side of Halsted Street. The demolition work will be during the week of January 31, 2022. The demolition team will be shoveling the snow. Foundation work will be from March 2022 to April 2022. The loan was finalized for BK's company. FC stated he thinks the name of the restaurant should be Opa Restaurant. Elizabeth Neukirch, (EN) will speak with BK on the proper time and type of Public Relations.

Pauline Dengler, (PD) from the State's Attorney's Community Dashboard stated that she will have the felony arrests information. There were 105 cases for felony review. 87 cases were approved for trial.

**III. Review and Vote on Approval of December 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes** – There was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to approve the December 16, 2021 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Streetscape Proposal – TA paid the first invoice for the Streetscape Project. Everything is contingent on the local construction programs.
- B. Security Rebate – Parthenon Guest House – TA reported that the SSA approved all the Security Rebates and the program is completed.

There was a motion made by FC and seconded by EM to approve the Security Rebate for the Parthenon Guest House project. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. New Business

- A. Zen Leaf Expansion – Mural Status – Zen Leaf is seeking a Special Use to use the basement vault storage for bulk storage. The previous owner of the building failed to apply for this new expansion and its Special Use. A Special Use for the storage is necessary. Sam Harmelech stated that all deals are on hold until a lawsuit is completed. FC congratulated Zen Leaf on a good operation. EM brought up a question concerning the Mural.
- B. Budget Revisions – RB gave the revisions and stated they were due to the Streetscape funding for the new transaction. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by MT to accept the January 27, 2022 Budget Revisions as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Proposal for 2021 Audit – RB explained the Audit Proposal for 2021. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by LRL to approve the Audit Proposal as written. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Maragos Contract 2022 – AM, FC and RB stated that Dean Maragos is doing a great job. There was a motion made by AM and seconded by FC to approve the Maragos & Maragos, Ltd. Contract for 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Hinkle Contract 2022 – EM gave a dissertation on the status and scope of Connie Hinkle's Contract for 2022 and stated Connie Hinkle did an excellent job last year. There was a motion made by LRL and seconded by AM to approve Connie Hinkle's 2022 Contract. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Art 2022 Project – EM reported on the 2022 Art Project. EM will be working on the project with Connie Hinkle. There was a motion made by AM and seconded by LRL to accept the program as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Chicago Sculpture Proposal – EM stated that the Chicago Sculpture Project will be in the Elysian Field and Temples. The cost is \$3,500 per sculpture. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by LRL to approve the Chicago Sculpture Project. The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman's Report – FC praised Elizabeth Neukirch's (EN) work on the successful Carryouts program. EN is interviewing stores for Valentine's Day.

FC asked RB did the City give him the program to move some of these art pieces. FC was told that EM is working on it.

- B. Art Committee Report - All reports were given earlier.
- C. PR Updates – EN reported on the Valentine's Day project. There will be a Greek Restaurant Night. It is important to note that at 314 S. Halsted there will be a new Greek restaurant proposed. EN, AM, MT, EM and RB will be on the committee concerning the new restaurant. DTM stated EN met all the media requirements. She officially has the power to interview and will do media training to the committee and will do Radio and TV

classes. EN will send a draft and quarterly report to the Greektown merchants on the SSA program for them to support them.

- D. Security Committee Report – There is a letter to the Greektown merchants on the Security. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- E. Program Manager Report/Sole Service Provider Report – TA reported on the second annual Restaurant Week ENOSIS negotiations for the March 25, 2022 parade. RB stated that Alex Theoharis and Nicholas Kriarakis will no longer apply for SSA membership.

**VII. Adjournment** – At 4:30 p.m. there was a motion by FC and seconded by AM to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA meeting is February 24, 2022.