

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

**Commissioners Virtually Attending**

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)  
Eve Moran, (EM)  
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras, (LRL)  
Maria Tsourapas, (MT)  
Marc Washor, (MW)

**Others Virtually Attending**

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor  
Tia Angelos, (TA), SSA #16 Program Director  
Cindy Raymond, Silverman Group  
Nicole Rizzo, Silverman Group

**Commissioners Absent**

Justine Fedak  
Anastasia Koumi  
Tom Paspalas  
George Reveliotis

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Community Participation** – DTM gave a brief report on the Illinois laws on sealing and removing open wine bottles from a restaurant or winery. DTM will attach a copy of the statute to these meeting minutes.

The negotiations between Mr. Greek and the 12<sup>th</sup> Police District on a Plan of Operation for them to sell alcohol at the restaurant is now being conducted by the City of Chicago Police. They will give us the final decision on the Plan of Operation agreed by the parties.

**III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – EM amended the meeting minutes in the following manner: In D. Street Art Donation Proposal “EM stated that pursuant to the City policy, the SSA will donate all retired sculptures back to the artists, including the Greek schools” and “There was a motion by EM and seconded by FC to follow the City’s policy and return the artifacts to the proper parties. The motion passed unanimously”. There was a motion by FC and seconded by MW to approve the SSA #16 September 22, 2022 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Streetscape Update – FC and TA got information to RB for the preparation of an RFP. After discussion, it was decided that at the next meeting RB, FC and TA will give a report to the Board.

**V. New Business**

- A. RFP Monument Lighting and Repairs – An RFP for monument lighting and repairs was discussed by the Commission. TA called the City and was told that the project is on “hold status” in November. There was a motion by FC and seconded by MW to have a report on this matter at the next SSA meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Holiday Light Proposals – TA gave a report and said that the annual blue and white Christmas decorations would be reinstated this year. The Twin Electric proposal for

\$30,350 was presented. There was a motion by LRL and seconded by EM to accept the \$30,350 proposal from Twin Electric. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Holiday Tree Lighting Event Proposal – TA made a presentation about the Greektown holiday tree lighting. She stated the holiday tree lighting would be on December 11<sup>th</sup>. TA requested and identical amount to be authorized by the SSA for this year as there was last year. There was a motion by EM and seconded by MT to pay up to \$15,000 to have this project. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Grate Leveling Proposal – FC stated that QC Enterprises did a review and stated that we need to remove twenty tree grates for a cost of \$14,950. The contractor would level each grate. Pour fresh gravel. Do new iron brackets. FC urged the SSA to move forward on this project to avoid lawsuits. There was a motion by EM and seconded by LRL to accept the \$14,950 QC Proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. 2022 Budget Revision – RB presented the \$90,000 revisions in detail. After RB's presentation, there was a motion by LRL and seconded by EM to accept the report that RB gave on the 2022 Budget revision. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. 2022 Q3 Performance Review – RB gave a presentation to the Board concerning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance Review. RB stated there was quite a bit of web traffic in August due to the Taste of Greece. RB stated the social media has remained the same as anticipated. There was good media coverage. RB further stated there was an increase in the Security Patrol. There were safety camera rebates which we have not yet received. There was a motion by LRL and seconded by FC to accept RB's report. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. Reports & Updates**

- A. Chairman Report – FC thanked the Public Relations team and congratulated the SSA commissioners for an outstanding parade.

FC stated that there was a new ward map, and we are now in the 34<sup>th</sup> Ward. TA will be printing vendor checks, not signing them. RB explained that would commence on November 1, 2022.

FC stated that he contacted Jack George the attorney for the developer on the 301 S. Halsted project and that he wanted to change the traffic flow. FC stated that Jack did change the traffic flow on the project.

- B. Program Manager Report/Sole Service Provider Report – TA stated that the marathon went great, and the crowd was double what it was last year. TA also stated the Shopper's Reward was moving forward.

Ms. Rizzo stated she will eblast for the Greektown ceremonies coming up in a month and a half including the tree lighting ceremony.

TA stated that Governor Pritzker may schedule a breakfast at the Elysian Field and a ribbon cutting for the Jane Byrne successful construction project.

EM stated that the Karavakia as of next month will go to businesses.

- C. The Silverman Group Report – Nicole Rizzo and Cindy Raymond reported the media success on the marathon was excellent due to the fact that television, radio and social media were very heavily involved. They also got an article in the Lawndale News concerning the marathon. The last three months Nicole has been reviewing all the successes of the public relations program and wants to put together a program for 2023 to improve the public relations with the SSA. Nicole stated that the tree lighting information will be getting out to the public in a very strong program.

**VII. Adjournment** – At 4:30 p.m. there was a motion by EM and seconded by MP to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is November 17, 2022.