

GREEKTOWN SSA#16 SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES – FINAL

Commissioners Virtually Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Justine Fedak, (JF)
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Maria Tsourapas, (MT)

Others Virtually Attending

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Tia Angelos, (TA), SSA #16 Program Director
Leo Louchios (LL), Greektown Educ. Foundation
Captain Salmon, AGB Security
Cindy Raymond, Silverman Group

Commissioners Absent

Lorraine Rieff Liakouras
Tom Paspalas
George Reveliotis
Marc 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 – No one from the community attended the meeting.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 June 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion by FC and seconded by MT to approve the SSA #16 June 23, 2022 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

- A. Streetscape – FC stated that he had not yet heard back from the Illinois State officials or the City officials concerning the Streetscape status and deferred it to the next meeting.
- B. Monument Lights – The proposal from Scott Smith of KSA Lighting Corporation for \$47,980.00 is for monument structures. There was discussion on the repair and maintenance of the monuments. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM to prepare a request for proposal on the limestone and electric items in the project. RB is authorized to prepare and conduct the RFP process. The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

- A. Chicago Greektown Education Foundation Proposal – LL stated that the relationship between the Chicago Greektown Education Foundation (CGEF) and the SSA is good and growing stronger. The CGEF has eleven schools and possibly 2-3 additional schools in the program. The children have been active in the successful public relations events of the SSA such as the Christmas Tree lighting. There will be a seminar of 50 teachers at the Hilton Rosemont from a software company, to further improve the educational process. The software will be for the children, for art projects and 11 exhibits this year. The CGEF proposal was for \$20,000 from 2022 to 2023. FC thanked Irene Koumi of the CGEF for the excellent work that she is doing. AM stated that Irene is an excellent spokesperson for the Taste of Greektown. There was a motion by FC and

seconded by EM to accept the pay request of \$20,000 by the CGEF. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. City Floral Proposal – TA reported that she had received three proposals from Jeff Brink of Moore Landscapes. After much discussion there was a motion by EM and seconded by FC to accept the winter 2022 sum of \$16,290, the summer 2023 program of \$14,866 and the last proposal of \$17,866.28. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Columbus Day Parade – TA gave a presentation on the Columbus Day Parade. After a discussion, there was a motion by EM and seconded by MT to accept the amount of \$2,250 for the parade. The motion passed unanimously.
- 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. LL and EM will manage the project to give back the artifacts to the various parties. 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.
- E. Holiday Shopper Rewards – There was discussion on the specifics of the reward. If a patron paid \$250 in Greektown from November 1 - December 31, 2022, that patron would receive a \$50 Visa reward card to support the Greektown merchants. There was discussion on the matter. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by AM to approve the Holiday Shopper Reward Program for November 1 – December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Status of Mr. Greek Gyros' Liquor Application – TA & DTM gave an explanation of Dean's Plan of Operation proposal (per the SSA Commission request) for the establishment that shall serve liquor. There will be another report at the next meeting after a discussion with the 12th District police.

VI. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman's Report – EM wanted to report at this juncture that there are broken and uneven tree grates in the Greektown area that must be repaired. RB stated he knows the company that repaired them last time for the SSA. RB stated he will manage the project and report at the next meeting.

FC stated that there are vacant store fronts in the SSA. FC wanted to get a commission report from TA to establish the name, address and square foot of each parcel. TA will prepare the report. EM stated that she will also be involved in the project and she will get the list for the October 27th meeting in which the report on the storefronts will be given.

FC wants to have a meeting of the Greektown Chamber, the SSA, The Greektown Education Foundation, the Hellenic Museum and the Silverman Group to discuss the various issues in the area and what will be our goals for the next year.

- B. Program Manager Report/Sole Service Provider Report – RB wanted to remind the SSA that there are some SSA Commissioners whose positions are up for renewal. TA will give a report on those commissioner applications at the next meeting. FC stated that he got certified in e-training given by the City.

Captain Salmon stated he was concerned about Taco Burrito King. TA stated that Taco Burrito King has now been open until 3:00 a.m., in violation of the agreement that it made last year with the SSA to close at 1:00 a.m. AM further reported that on July 22nd there was a car stolen in the area and on August 9th there was also a fight reported. Captain Salmon stated that Taco Burrito King has very lax security and they must get their security stronger. Captain Salmon will speak to them about this.

- C. The Silverman Group Report – Cindy Raymond stated that there were 5 million impressions on the public relations programs she has been initiating with the SSA. She stated on the “Taste of Greece” and the “Lyre” Program there was a lot of public relations on every major network in the City and every print report. There were 42 million digital impressions. She suggested partnering with more social media entities and will report at the next meeting. Cindy also stated we may want to do a mixologist event in Greektown.

VII. Adjournment – At 4:00 p.m. there was a motion by EM and seconded by FC to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is October 27, 2022.