

# **GREEKTOWN SSA#16 JANUARY 31, 2023 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES – FINAL**

## **Commissioners Virtually Attending**

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)  
Justine Fedak, (JF)  
Anastasia Koumi, (AK)  
Lorraine Rieff Liakouras, (LRL)

## **Others Virtually Attending**

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor  
Tia Angelos, (TA), SSA #16 Program Director  
Nicole Rizzo, The Silverman Group  
Paul Hammond, General Mgr., Arkadia Bldg.

## **Commissioners Absent**

Eve Moran  
Tom Paspalas  
Maria Tsourapas

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Community Participation** – Paul Hammond, the General Manager of the Arkadia Building in Greektown informed the commissioners that there are parking problems blocking the private thruways around the building. He asked for guidance. DTM and the commissioners advised him to put in writing what his request would be to alleviate this problem and to send a copy including photos to the SSA commissioners. Mr. Hammond said that he would do so. We await his letter and will call the Alderman to support his efforts.

**III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 December 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – There was a motion by FC and seconded by AK to accept the SSA #16 December 20, 2022 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. Old Business**

- A. Monument Lighting RFP – There was one bidder. FC and RB both explained the situation. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by AK to defer this matter until the next meeting of the SSA in February. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Status of 1025 W. Jackson – The commission requested DTM to report on this. DTM stated that he called Alderman Byron Sigcho Lopez and his Chief of Staff, Ruben Franco and informed them of our strong disapproval of this project to move forward. Ruben Franco took our concerns to the Alderman and there was to be a community meeting to determine the fate of this project. The Alderman stated that he was very concerned about the transition between the new ward maps. He cancelled his support of the meeting and deferred the matter to the next Alderman who will be taking that position. DTM stated that as of now the matter is not moving forward and he will keep the SSA informed.

## **V. New Business**

- A. Audit Proposal – There was a discussion lead by RB on this matter. There was a motion by AK and seconded by JF to accept the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Streetscape Project Update – FC suggested that we defer this matter to the next meeting. The commissioners agreed.
- C. Enosis Parade Sponsorship – TA reported the Enosis President spoke with FC and that he stated that Enosis needs the SSA #16's support. TA said the restaurants in Greektown have been materially hurt by Covid-19. FC, AK & LRL all discussed the matter. There was a motion by FC and seconded by AK to purchase advertising in the form of the Grand Benefactor package as delineated in the meeting attachments at a cost of \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by FC and seconded by JF to have a separate SSA #16 float for \$1,450.00. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Art 2023 Proposal – LRL stated that Eve Moran had done an outstanding job and that the proposal included:
  - 1) \$31,180 for the proper fabrication of the artifacts
  - 2) \$4,800 to pay the artists
  - 3) \$900 for the student art
  - 4) \$5,500 for the project management by Connie Hinkle
  - 5) The plaques are \$200
  - 6) The total proposal with miscellaneous costs is \$ 46,000

There was a motion by FC and seconded by AK to expend \$46,000 for the Greek Art 2023 Proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. Reports & Updates**

- A. Chairman Report – FC stated the reports on the RFP and the Streetscape were already done and he had nothing further to report.
- B. Program Manager Report/Sole Service Provider Report – There is an update on the Enosis pre-parade reception and TA will keep us informed to attend.
- C. The Silverman Group – Nicole Rizzo, NR informed the SSA of their press releases and marketing events for the Greek Parade, Valentine's Day and the artist events.

**VII. Adjournment** – At 2:20 p.m. there was a motion by AK and seconded by LRL to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is February 23, 2023.