

**GREEKTOWN SSA#16
MAY 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES – FINAL**

Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Tom Paspalas, (TP)
Maria Tsourapas, (MT)

Others Attending

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Tia Angelos, (TA), SSA #16 Program Director

Commissioners Absent

Anastasia Makridakis
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There was no community participation.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 April 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes – EM had revisions to the meeting minutes. Under “IV. Old Business, A. Monument Lighting Pilot Update”, the topic title was changed to “Holiday Lights RFP”. There was a motion by FC and seconded by MT to approve the SSA #16 April 20, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Streetscape Project Update – FC addressed the commissioners with the new proposal from the City on the Streetscape Project and the costs were very high. There was a motion by EM and seconded by TP to defer this matter until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Holiday Lights RFP Top 3 – RB gave a report on the RFP. A decision was made to take the top three applicants. There will be an RFP issued for the Holiday Lights since TA stated that the current vendor has not been professional in its service to the SSA.
- C. Strategic Plan RFP – There was a discussion by the Commissioners, and it was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting. There will be an RFP issued by the SSA for a Strategic Plan to be chosen to advise the SSA and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- D. Lease Renewal – There was much discussion about the options for the lease renewal. The Commissioners will be contacting the West Central Association to see if there is a possibility the SSA could share the cost of the rental. The recent proposal given by the landlord is for \$1,750.00 per month. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by TP to have TA, RB and FC to prepare the new lease terms and submit a term sheet to DTM who will speak with Dean Topping, the Attorney for the landlord. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Garmat Contract Renewal – There was a discussion on this matter. There is an increase of 15% to pay \$234 per month. EM stated that Garmat has done an excellent job. There

was a motion by TP and seconded by FC to accept the new contract proposal for Garmat.

- F. Greektown SSA 2022 Audit – RB discussed this matter and stated that the Greektown SSA Audit was completed, and the auditor rendered an unqualified opinion to state that the SSA financial documents submitted were fairly presented. There was a motion by EM and seconded by TP to accept the audit report. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by EM and seconded by TP that the SSA Budget and Sole Service Provider WCA are approved by the SSA at this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by EM and seconded by TP to approve the 2024 Budget Services. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. WCA 2023 Gala Sponsorship – There was much discussion by the Commissioners to work well with the WCA. There was a motion by EM and seconded by TP to purchase a gold sponsorship for \$5,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. SSA Commissioner Meeting Attendance By A Means Other Than Physical Presence - Per the request of the SSA, DTM did the legal research and under Section 5 ILCS 120/7, an SSA Commissioner may attend an SSA Commissioner Meeting without being physically present at the meeting. The attendance will be via telephone or video means.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – There was no Chairman Report.
- B. Program Manager Report/Sole Service Provider Report – There was no Program Manager Report.
- C. The Silverman Group – They stated they have been promoting the Art Exhibits, the Taste of Greektown, media and educational museum projects. They also stated the May 22, 2023 newsletter was coming out. The influencer “Erica Eating Everything” was discussed. We are awaiting the new sculpture exhibit installation at Monroe Temple.

VI. Adjournment – At 2:45 p.m. there was a motion by TP and seconded by EM to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is on June 22, 2023.