

**GREEKTOWN SSA#16  
OCTOBER 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

**Commissioners Attending**

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

**Others Attending**

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA  
Tia Angelos, (TA), SSA #16 Program Director  
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor  
Cody D. Matchen, (CDM), Civil Engineer, CDOT

**Commissioners Absent**

Tom Paspalas  
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 September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – There was a motion made by FC and seconded by AM to accept the September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Monument Light Project – EM stated this project began in April 2023, and in May 2023 the lighting fixture inspection was conducted and there was no water in the lighting fixture.

The Commissioners discussed the Twin Electric program in which 1,900 fixtures would be purchased. Under Job Description it states that Twin Electric Proposes to supply labor and material to complete the following: On May 10, 2023 Twin Electric furnished and installed one monument fixture to make sure the LED flow through the in-ground fixture would work out in replacing existing damaged fixtures. The installation was a success.

Therefore Twin Electric will #1 Remove the well light interiors (8 on Van Buren and 12 on Monroe) and #2, Furnish and install 20 new LED flow through in-ground fixtures. The total cost is \$59,000. There was a motion made by FC and second by EM to accept the Twin Electric Proposal. The motion passed unanimously. The order will be placed today, prior to November 1, 2023.

- B. Streetscape Project – Cody D. Matchen, (CDM) a Civil Engineer with the City of Chicago made a presentation of the options for a Streetscape Program. CDM stated that the area to be affected is the Greektown area except for Jackson & Madison which is an IDOT route and is exempt from this program.

FC asked who the General Contractor on this project is and CDM informed him that it is the City of Chicago CDOT. There was a discussion on the type of color of blue that would be utilized in this project and “Brick Blue” was the color that was approved. There

was also a discussion concerning the "Dome Figure" that would be used in the project. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC to choose option #2 of the programs that were presented by CDOT at the meeting. The cost was \$279,291.56. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. New Business

- A. Holiday Tree Lighting Event – TA presented the Holiday Tree lighting event to the Commission which would allow up to \$15,000 to be spent. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by AM to accept the \$15,000 program. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Q3 2023 Performance Report – RB presented the Q# 2023 Performance Report. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Summer 2024 Hanging Basket Cost Proposal – There was a motion made by EM and seconded by AM to accept the Winter 2024/2025 Proposal for \$19,688 and the Summer 2024 Proposal for \$15,893.20. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Winter 2024/2025 Hanging Basket Cost Proposal – See above.
- E. Bulls Greek Heritage Night Dance Performance Sponsorship - TA explained that the SSA #16 would purchase tickets for a Chicago Bulls game. The tickets would be given to Greek dancers. The total cost is \$1,534.40. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM to approve that motion for the program. The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – FC spoke on the new security service and that Captain Salmon who has worked with us in the past very successfully, is now the manager of the program. TA stated that she will go and meet all the stores with the security company so that the Greektown vendors will be familiar with the progress being made on securing the area. EM suggested that we get a list of all the stores and their hours so that we can work with the vendors to help them in their businesses. FC brought up the point of needing a parking space for the security guards. That will be reviewed by the Commission for a report at the next meeting.
- B. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – TA stated that there are renewals in process for a new SSA Chairman. She believes that Constantine Vitogiannis will be approved and we are waiting for progress on John Theoharis' application.

**VII. Adjournment** – At 2:53 p.m. there was a motion by FC and seconded by MT to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is on November 16, 2023.