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**GREEKTOWN SSA#16
JULY 13, 2023 MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT**

Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Tom Paspalas, (TP)
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras, (LRL)

Others Attending

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

Commissioners Absent

Anastasia Makridakis
Maria Tsourapas

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 June 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion made by TP and seconded by EM to accept the June 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. SSA Office Lease Renewal** – There was a discussion on the lease terms that the SSA would accept for the term of August 1, 2023 to August 1, 2024. After much discussion, there was a motion to rent room 211 of the 801 W. Adams Building for the SSA. There was a motion made by LRL and seconded by FC, which stated the SSA Special Service Area Tax Commission does hereby accept the renewal lease terms from the Peerless Building, LLC (Landlord) and West Central Association (Tenant) who is the Sole Service Provider for August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 at a monthly rent of \$2,300.00. This will be to rent room 211 only. Included in the rent are two free parking spaces for the Tenant. The motion passed unanimously. There was a motion made by TP and seconded by EM that the SSA does hereby accept the Parking Proposal of the Landlord for two spaces at no additional charge to the Tenant for the spaces during the term of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. 2024 Budget - Services and Sole Service Provider** – RB stated that there were no adjustments to the Budget and there is no new EAV. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by TP to pass the 2024 Budget and the Work Plans as presented. The motion passed unanimously. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by TP to approve the West Central Association as the Sole Service Provider for the Greektown SSA #16 for the next year. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Security** – TA stated the current contract is with AGB is from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. There was a discussion that Philly's Best, Mr. Gyros, 9 Muses and Spectrum were open passed midnight. After much discussion for the remedy for the security situation, there was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC to establish a security committee to meet and report back to the SSA at the next meeting. The members of the committee

will be Tom Paspalas, Kostas Vitogiannis, Yanni Theoharis and Rod Burch. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC that the SSA inform Alderman Conway that we should be working towards getting the Police to have a foot patrol in Greektown of the entire area of the SSA. The motion passed unanimously. There was another discussion to have RB or TA speak with Jesse Cantu a former policeman who knows the area, to be designated as the Beat Policeman for Greektown. The SSA will inform the Alderman that this is their recommendation.

- D. Taste of Greektown Proposal: Application & Giveaways -TA stated she is working with Bruce to negotiate a deal for a tent and table for SSA #16. TA requests that the SSA pass a \$6,000 proposal that she proposed. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC to accept the \$6,000 proposal by TA. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Chicago Marathon Cheer Station Proposal - TA explained the proposal and the commissioners read the proposal. The SSA chose the \$5,500. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by FC to accept the \$5,500 proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Columbus Day Parade Proposal – There was much discussion on the October 9th Columbus Day Parade Proposal. There was a motion by EM and seconded by FC to approve up to \$2,250 for the float. The motion passed unanimously. The commissioners stated they will contact the Greek Schools and Churches to have people be on the float at the parade.
- G. 2023 Budget Amendment – RB stated there was a carryover from Budget line item #1.06 Holiday Decorations of \$20,000. The second change was line item #2.05 Streetscape of \$60,000. The third change was line item #2.12 Monument Maintenance from \$15,000 to \$60,000. The fourth change was line item #4.06 Strategic Plan from \$13,000 to \$40,000. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by TP to accept these Budget amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Greektown Artwork – EM gave a brief summary of the status of the artwork in Greektown.
- D. Silverman Group – The Silverman Group stated they are working on PR for the Taste of Greektown with TV ads.

VI. Adjournment – At 2:33 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 on September 21, 2023.