

# GREEKTOWN SSA#16 FEBRUARY 6, 2024 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

## Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)  
Eve Moran, (EM)  
Constantine Vitogiannis, (CV)  
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras, (LL) via Phone

## Others Attending

Tia Angelos, (TA) Program Director

## Commissioners Absent

Tom Paspalas  
Maria Tsourapas  
Anastasia Makridakis

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Community Participation** – There was no community participation.

**III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 December 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – There was a motion made by FC and seconded by EM to accept the December 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. New Business**

- A. Art Renderings for StreetScape Intersection – This has been deferred to the next meeting. The City hasn't sent out the necessary information for the commission to review.
- B. 2024 Greek Independence Day Parade – After much discussion there was a motion made by FC and seconded by CV to commit to the Patron level of \$15,000 with a letter of contingencies to be agreed upon by ENOSIS. Dean Maragos, (DM) will assist in this letter presenting to ENOSIS that the SSA #16 will commit for the next 5 years at \$15,000 Patron Sponsorship/per year with the commitment 1) the Greek Independence Parade remains in Greektown the next 5 years, 2) the Post parade lunch remains in Greektown the next 5 years, 3) the \$15,000 Patron level includes a float for the Greektown SSA #16 for the next 5 years. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Q4 2023 Performance Report – This has been deferred to the next meeting for the Sole Service Provider to present.
- D. 2024 Audit Proposal – This has been deferred to the next meeting for the Sole Service Provider to present.
- E. Public Relations and Social Media RFP – After much discussion there was a motion by CV and seconded by LR that the PR and Social Media RFPs are sent out with a deadline to receive proposals by March 1, 2024 as the SSA #16 is interested in exploring new proposals for Public Relations and Social Media. These proposals will be reviewed and presented at the March 19, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Security Committee – Co-Chair CV reported he reviews security reports received. There was much discussion of the concerns addressed at the February 6, 2024 Coffee with a Cop at Rye today in regard to several merchants asking CPD beat cops during the day. CPD suggested we attend beat meetings with the next date February 14, 2024 at the Little Italy Library.

## **V. Reports & Updates**

- A. Chairman Report – 1) Waiting for comments on the Monroe & Halsted Power Outage from DM, Dan Luna and RB. 2) The Adams & Halsted tree grates are on order, 3) Pressure Washing of graffiti from the two Chicago Greektown signs will be done when the weather is close to 60 degrees, 4) In-ground monument lights are installed.
- B. Art Chair Report – Noting new to be reported. EM is diligently working on Owl sculptures and timeline.
- C. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – TA reported December's Santa party inside the National Hellenic Museum and tree lighting was very successful in attendance and she stayed under budget and received several compliments from attendees, dignitaries and merchants. TA has been working with merchants on their Valentine and Greektown Restaurant Week specials for March 1-7, 2024.

**VII. Adjournment** – At 2:36 p.m. There was a motion by EM and seconded by CV to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is on February 20, 2024.