

GREEKTOWN SSA#16 FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)
Maria Tsourapas, (MT)
Constantine Vitogiannis, (CV)

Others Attending

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA
Tia Angelos, (TA), Program Director
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Josh Bloom, (JB), Lakota Group, via Zoom
Janet Kashuba, (JK), National Hellenic Museum

Commissioners Absent

Eve Moran
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 – Janet Kashuba from the National Hellenic Museum was in attendance.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 February 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion made by FC and seconded by AM to accept the February 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes with the amendment concerning the appearance of Dean Maragos. He was ill that day and not able to be there. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Lakota Group – TA said that Nick Kalogerisis was no longer with Lakota Group and that Josh Bloom was appearing via Zoom to the Commission. JB explained what the status was of the contract and that no work had yet commenced. After the presentation by JB, the SSA went into private session. After much discussion there was a motion by AM and seconded by CV to end the contract with Lakota Group per the terms of the contract. They will be given notice of the termination this week. There is a 60-day period after the notice that terminates the contract. The motion passed unanimously. In order to protect the West Central Association, the notice of termination will state that there was no work done on this contract by either party.
- B. Art Renderings for Streetscape Intersection – This has been deferred to the next meeting.
- C. 2024 Greek Independence Day Parade – FC reported that the President of Enosis agreed to give the Greektown SSA a free float. There was a motion by FC and seconded by AM to accept that act of Enosis. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Q4 2023 Performance Report – RB gave the report. There was a motion by AM and seconded by FC to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. 2024 Audit Proposal – RB explained the 2024 Audit proposal and stated the Auditor had done an excellent job. There was a motion by AM and seconded by FC to accept the 2024 Audit proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. PR and Social Media RFP Proposals – There was a motion by AM and seconded by CV to get our media representative to attend the next SSA meeting and to have a program to cover the Greek Parade. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Monroe Temple Lighting Report – The Alderman will get information to us, and we will move forward with the City. We will need an electric box since the City has abandoned the earlier box. RB stated he wants to contact the City to reconnect the electric lines. We need to contact Mr. Fiorito. RB also stated we will need to get the boxes metered.
- H. Twin Electric Proposal Additional Lights – An invoice from Twin Electric is attached.
- I. Agora Market Day of Greek Independence Day Parade – TA explained the “Agora” market on the day of the Greek Parade was a great success two years ago. The amount spent on funding the tents and tables for 5-6 vendors that sell Greek items during the parade was \$2,355.00 which also included a DJ from 12 to 6 pm. The Commissioners were asked if they would be interested in setting this up again this year. All the Commissioners stated yes, they would. There was a motion by FC and seconded by CV to expend \$2,355.00. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – FC stated he would like to get contracts from all the vendors to put them into compliance.
- B. Art Chair Report – There was no Art Chair report given.
- C. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – There was no Program Manager report given.
- D. Security Committee Report – TA, CV and AM all were concerned that the current security company needs to improve their performance and we must address their concerns at the next SSA meeting. There was a motion by AM and seconded by MT to have a meeting with the Security firm. The motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion of having some scanners in Greektown to show that the security company is working.

VII. Adjournment – At 3:07 p.m. There was a motion by AM and seconded by FC to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is on March 19, 2024.