

**GREEKTOWN SSA#16
MARCH 19, 2024 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Commissioners Attending

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

Others Attending

Rod Burch, (RB), Exec. Director WCA
Tia Angelos, (TA), Program Director
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Elizabeth Neukirch, (EN)

Commissioners Absent

Tom Paspalas
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras
Constantine Vitogiannis

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There was no community participation.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion made by FC and seconded by AM to accept the February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Strategic Plan – The Lakota Group contract was terminated, beginning the 60- day period for a complete termination. The commission deferred the strategic plan until the next meeting. FC and the Commission decided to have three individuals bidding on the strategic plan and will establish a new RFP for the strategic plan review.
- B. Art Renderings for Streetscape Intersection – The commission voted to defer this matter to the next meeting for the specific purpose of finding a designer who will work with the City on the Streetscape project.
- C. PR and Social Media RFP Proposals – There was much discussion on the PR and Social Media RFP. Elizabeth Neukirch, (EN) stated that she is not going to submit a second bid for the new RFP since her original bid for only doing Public Relations is the same. EN stated she is doing PR only and no Social Media. There was a discussion on Yanni Dimoulas concerning Social Media. There was a discussion of the Heron Group that they must have PR and Social Media if their bid of \$5,000 is to be offered. There was a motion by FC and seconded by MT to invite Heron to do the PR and Social Media, EN to do the PR only and Yanni Dimoulas to do the Social Media. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission also stated we need to notify the Silverman Group that we are extending their contract for another two months. DTM will prepare that letter.
- D. Monroe Monument – ComEd Application – RB reported that he is ready to submit the WCA application for electrifying the Temple on the southeast corner of Monroe and Halsted.

- E. Security – There will be a meeting on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Greek Islands with the 12th District Police Commander and the Alderman on the security issues in Greektown.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – FC stated that we need to hire professionals who have knowledge of Greektown in PR and Social Media in order for the SSA to have good Public Relations and Social Media. FC also stated that he wants three Strategic Plans to be received by the SSA from the bids from three vendors.

There was a motion by FC and seconded by AM that the new SSA meeting times will be on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. RB will prepare the public notice of the new schedule.

At the next meeting on April 23rd the SSA will discuss Social Media, Public Relations and all the adjacent issues we talked about today.

- B. Art Chair Report – EM reported that there are two CSE sculptures. One is on Jackson and the second one will be at Elysian Field.
- C. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – There was no Program Manager report.
- D. Security Committee Report – There was no Security Committee report.

VII. Adjournment – At 4:00 p.m., there was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is on April 23, 2024.