

GREEKTOWN SSA#16
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Tom Paspalas, (TP)
Maria Tsourapas, (MT)
Constantine Vitogiannis, (CV)

Others Attending

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

Commissioners Absent

Anastasia Makridakis
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – Marianne Kountoures the Executive Director of the National Hellenic Museum gave a short presentation in which she stated that 17,500 have visited the museum. She was requesting reimbursement for safety cameras to be purchased and installed at the ground level for a total of \$8,737.00. There was a motion by FC and seconded by EM to fund the \$8,737.00 amount for the National Hellenic Museum. The motion passed unanimously.

Another member of the community named Caprice spoke on issues of Greek athletes. This issue will be discussed at the next SSA meeting.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 July 9, 2024, July 23, 2024 and August 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion made by MT and seconded by TP to approve as written the July 9, 2024, July 23, 2024 and the August 8, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. TOG Rebate Applications – CV reported on the applications. CV calculated the current amount of rebate available. The 2024 TOG Rebate schedule is attached. There was a motion by EM and seconded by TP to approve the Rebate Program as presented by CV. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Q2 2024 Performance Report – RB gave a presentation on the status of the Q2 2024 Performance Report. There was a motion by CV and seconded by TP to accept the Q2 2024 Performance Report as given by RB. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. QC Enterprises Receptacles Invoice – TA gave a presentation on the invoice situation. There was a motion by FC and seconded by MT to pay the QC Enterprises invoice amount of \$11,565.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Chicago Bulls Greek Night Sponsorship Program – TA stated that the program has been very successful in getting publicity for the SSA. There was a motion by EM and

seconded by MT to approve the amount of \$1,365.44 as proposed by TA. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Columbus Day Parade – TA gave a presentation on the Columbus Day Parade. There was a discussion on the Parade. A motion was made by EM and seconded by MT to accept the DaVinci Program as presented to the Commission. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Tree Lighting Proposal – TA gave a presentation on the tree lighting proposal. Our Public Relations agent Elizabeth Neukirch also spoke on the Tree Lighting and stated it is an excellent public relations event. There was a motion by EM and seconded by CV to add \$5,000.00 to the amount approved to \$14,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. NHM Security Rebate Application – This item was previously discussed in Community Participation. The NHM Security Rebate application will be revisited at the October 22, 2024 SSA Meeting. There was a motion by EM and seconded by MT to do some proposed rule changes. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Greektown Newsletter Proposals - This item was deferred until the next meeting.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – FC stated that there was nothing to report.
- B. Art Chair Report – EM stated she is repairing the owls due to graffiti problems. There are new boats for the Holiday Inside the Arts display. EM commented on the Helios artifacts to be donated to schools.
- C. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – RB stated that Patti is a new assistant with the West Central Association and will be working with the SSA. The SSA welcomed her.
- D. Security Committee Report – FC reported that we have been receiving squad cars in front of the NHM and this has helped the situation concerning security.

VI. Adjournment – At 3:30 p.m., there was a motion by TP and seconded by EM to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting will be on October 22, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the SSA office.

2024 TOG Rebate		
Merchant	Amount Merchants Paid :	Reviewed and Approved at 9/17/24 SSA 16 Meeting:
		Rebate to each calculated by 62.22% of Max \$4,000
9 Muses	\$5,017.85	\$3,127.70
Athena	\$6,484.45	\$4,000.00
Meli	\$1,867.34	\$1,167.55
Mr Greek Gyros	\$4,913.63	\$3,062.86
Spavia Day Spa	\$2,818.79	\$1,759.51
Spectrum Bar & G	\$6,366.89	\$3,967.04
Zeus	\$4,676.54	\$2,915.35
	\$32,145.49	\$20,000.00
Budget	\$ 20,000.00	
	62.22%	