

GREEKTOWN SSA#16
NOVEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras, (LL)
Tom Paspalas, (TP)
Constantine Vitogiannis, (CV)

Others Attending

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

Commissioners Absent

Anastasia Makridakis
Maria Tsourapas

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There was no community participation.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 October 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion made by LL and seconded by CV to approve as written the October 22, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Q3 2024 Performance Report – RB gave the Q3 2024 Performance Report and stated that customer attraction was up by attendance to 72,151. The monuments were being repaired at an estimated cost of \$17,500. There was a motion made by TP and seconded by EM to accept the Q3 2024 Performance Report as given by RB. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. 2024 Budget Revisions – RB gave his report of the revisions. There was a motion made by TP and seconded by CV to accept the report given by RB. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. NHM Security Rebate Application – TA stated that there were cameras still to be instituted into the community. The amount is \$3,000 for a new camera and \$3,000 for additional cameras. Notice of the rebate program was given to all Halsted merchants.

The NHM is asking for \$8,737.19 for new cameras. After much discussion there was a motion made by EM and seconded by CV to offer \$4,000.00 for the new security cameras. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Blue Line Renewal – There was much discussion about the Blue Line Renewal by the Commissioners. On motion by TP and seconded by EM this item will be deferred until the next meeting on December 17, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Maragos & Maragos Renewal – There was a motion made by TP and seconded by EM to accept the renewal contract of Maragos & Maragos, Ltd. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Yellowstone Landscapers Renewal – There was a motion made by TP and seconded by EM to accept the proposal as written for \$40,124.00. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – The Chairman had no report.
- B. Art Chair Report – EM gave a brief report that she has 5 new boats and will be working on Public Relations. EM stated they still have to do postcards. EM also stated we need to decommission the Butterflies and send them to the schools.
- C. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – RB spoke and stated that the City Budget was submitted and has not yet been approved.
- D. Security Committee Report – There was discussion but no official report from the Security Committee.

VI. Closed Session – At 2:00 p.m. there was a motion by FC and seconded by TP to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously. At 2:37 p.m. there was a motion made by EM and seconded by TP to come out of closed session. The motion passed unanimously. The Employment Contract was reviewed.

VII. Adjournment – At 3:00 p.m. there was a motion by FC and seconded by TP to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting will be on December 17, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the SSA office.