

## **GREEKTOWN SSA#16**

### **FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

#### **Commissioners Attending**

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

#### **Commissioners Absent**

Anastasia Makridakis  
Tom Paspalas  
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras

#### **Others Attending**

Patti Doyle, (PD), Exec. Director WCA  
Tia Angelos, (TA), Program Director  
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor  
Andrew Burton, President of 770 W. Gladys Lofts  
Janet Kashuba, National Hellenic Museum  
Bobby Tsourapas, Belvedere Construction Group  
Patrick, 34<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman's Office

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Community Participation** – Andrew Burton, Janet Kashuba, Bobby Tsourapas & Patrick from the 34<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman's Office attended the meeting.

**III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 January 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes** – There was a motion made by CV and seconded by MT to approve the January 21, 2025 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. New Business**

- A. 2025 Floral Cost Proposal Summer – TA explained what the Summer 2025 Floral Cost Proposal was about concerning the community. The cost was \$17,109.19. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by CV to approve the \$17,109.19 payment. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. 2025/2026 Floral Cost Proposal Winter– TA explained the Winter 2025/2026 Floral Cost Proposal. There was a motion made by FC and seconded by EM to expend \$20,589 for the floral costs. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. 2024 Annual Report Proposal – The Spark Factor prepares the annual report sent to the SSA and handles it every year for the SSA. The cost is \$2,010.00 for their services. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by CV to pay the \$2,010.00 for this expenditure. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. Reports & Updates**

##### **A. Chairman Report**

FC discussed the job description for the Commissioners. PD will get the information.

FC spoke on the qualifications that are being reviewed for availability of new commissioners. There also was a future application and general checklist that PD will bring to the next meeting.

B. Art Chair Report – There was no report.

C. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – TA explained the Heron negotiations and awaits the decision from the Commission. The issue was the newsletter expenditures. The discussion was to either breach the contract with Heron or allow it to expire of its own terms in August of 2025. The Commission deferred the decision until the next meeting. DTM wanted more guidance on information concerning this activity for it to be clear in the minutes.

Elizabeth Neukirch of Elizabeth Neukirch Group got Greektown Restaurant Week ads. TA explained the local restaurants that were featured on television. The Greek Islands decided not to participate. CV was on “Greek Heritage” on WGN.

D. Security Committee Report – CV reported that the neighborhood has been relatively quiet other than an incident at the Greek Islands.

**VI. Closed Session** – The commission went into closed session at 3:11 p.m. concerning the lease and also TA’s employment status. The Commission authorized DTM to talk to Kosta Koutsigiorgas of Peerless, Inc. to see what the status is on the lease and what are the options. The options are 1) to stay in the current space for \$12,000.00 and request \$12,000.00 be taken off the lease for its duration, 2) move to a smaller space on the same floor, 3) to leave this building and go to another building such as the National Hellenic Museum. The Commission authorized DTM to talk with the National Hellenic Museum. DTM was given authority to negotiate the lease status with the various entities in the community.

Concerning TA, once we resolve the budget issues, lease issues and Sole Service Provider fees we will discuss this at the next SSA meeting. At 3:15 p.m. there was a motion made by FC and seconded by EM to come out of closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Open Session** – Armando Chacon, PD and FC said they will talk concerning the fees paid to the Sole Service Provider and report at the next meeting. PD stated she has called Rummel Insurance to decrease costs, and she will report back at the next meeting. MT and EM will discuss reviews of the advertising and marketing program.

**VIII. Adjournment** – At 3:17 p.m. there was a motion by EM and seconded by FC to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting will be on March 18, 2025, at 2 p.m. at the SSA office.