



SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #18

MINUTES COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 8, 2010

Nookies Tree, 3334 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Illinois

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairman Jim Ludwig called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and the following Commissioners were in attendance: Dave Gassman, Mickey Hornick, Ron Koziel, Michael Mitsoglou, Bob Ordinario, and Sue Tessler. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the June 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

It was

MOVED and SECONDED

to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes and accept them as sent in advance of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Financial Reports

Copies of the current financial statements were distributed. After a brief discussion, it was

MOVED and SECONDED

to accept the financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion ensued about security costs in the 2011 SSA #18 Budget. Dave Gassman asked about the SSA funding extra security following the Pride Parade in 2011.

It was

MOVED

to increase the security line item in the 2011 SSA #18 budget to \$15,000.

MOTION FAILED.

Jay Lyon suggested that the SSA #18 Commission might more appropriately re-allocate funds to security at its first meeting in 2011.

Dave Gassman stated that other local organizations such as the Central Lakeview Merchants Association and the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce should consider allocating security funds on the night of the Pride Parade.

4. Approval of revised 2010 SSA #18 Budget and Work Plan

Jay Lyon explained that, at the request of the Department of Community Development, SSA #18 had to amend its 2010 budget and work plan. The Department asked that WiFi expenses be allocated under Section 9.0 of the budget – Other Technical Assistance. In order to move these funds, a budget amendment was necessary. The SSA also needed to revise its 2010 Work Plan to include the WiFi project.

It was

MOVED and SECONDED

to approve the amended 2010 SSA #18 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was then

MOVED and SECONDED

to approve the amended 2010 SSA #18 Work Plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Old Business

A. Review of Kiosk Status

Jay Lyon reported that the kiosks are now completely installed. However, there is an issue with the touchscreen for the digital kiosk. This screen is scheduled to be removed and replaced. The final payment for this project will not be made until this work has been completed.

B. WiFi Zone Status

Jay Lyon reported that we now have final paperwork from Sentinel Technologies related to this program. We have been successful in working with the Bureau of Electricity on this project, as well as with the city's Department of Innovation and Technology. Our goal is to have this system in place before the end of 2010.

The cost from Sentinel Technologies is currently placed at about \$89,000 for the hardware and installation, \$55,000 of which will be paid in 2010 and the remainder paid in 2011. Jay Lyon noted that it is hoped that final costs will be even lower, as Sentinel continues to negotiate with Cisco Systems for discounts on equipment.

It was

MOVED and SECONDED

to authorize the Northalsted Business Alliance to execute the contract with Sentinel Technologies.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Ludwig noted that the Northalsted Business Alliance has already indicated its willingness to fund up to \$50,000 of the costs related to the electrical work on this project.

C. Vacancy on the Commission

Jay Lyon reported that Adrian Estrada of El Mariachi, who was suggested to us by Alderman Shiller, has expressed a desire to sit on the SSA #18 Commission. Jay Lyon reported that Mr. Estrada should complete his SSA application shortly.

Dave Gassman stated that in the event that Mr. Estrada does not follow through on his application, a suitable alternate would be Dan Smith of Hearty.

It was

MOVED and SECONDED

to invite Dan Smith to serve as an SSA #18 Commissioner in the event that Adrian Estrada does not complete the application process.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Other Old Business

Chairman Ludwig reported that he and Jay Lyon are to attend a meeting in September at Alderman Shiller's office with representatives of SSA #8. Our hope is that the Graceway Corners building situation will finally be resolved following this meeting.

5. New Business

A. Façade Incentive and Security Rebate Program Application Process

Jim Ludwig reported that some members of the board of the Northalsted Business Alliance have expressed concern over the application process for these two programs. Their feeling is that if the requirements of the programs were relaxed, they might be used more.

One suggestion was made to allow for businesses to apply for the funds after they had already had the work performed. Commissioners reviewed the current applications, which were provided by Jay Lyon at the meeting.

Upon review, Commissioners noted that the entire application process would need to be revised in order to allow businesses to apply for funding after work was already completed.

Jay Lyon suggested that the Commission ask the Northalsted Business Alliance, as the Service Provider, to review the application process and suggest improvements for consideration by the SSA #18 Commission.

It was

MOVED and SECONDED

to request that the Northalsted Business Alliance prepare suggestions for revising the Façade Incentive and Security Rebate program applications, for consideration by the SSA #18 Commission.

MOTION CARRIED, 5 AYES AND 1 ABSTENTION.

6. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SSA #18 Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Nookies Tree.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.