

NORTHALSTED

Special Service Area No. 18

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 10, 2008

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

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairman Jim Ludwig called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and the following Commissioners were in attendance: David Gassman, Mickey Hornick, Michael Mitsoglou (10:42 a.m.), and Sue Tessler. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was SSA Program Manager Jay Lyon.

2. Approval of the September 10, 2008 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 Report.

Jay reviewed the November financial statement.

It was

MOVED and SECONDED

to accept the financial report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jay distributed the 2009 SSA #18 budget. Commissioners asked about the increase of about \$221,000 in 2008 to the \$355,000 budget for 2009. Jay explained that this difference resulted from the decision to add programming so that the SSA was closer to its maximum budget.

4. Old Business

A. Review of Kiosk Status

Jay stated that after the follow-up communications with the bidders, only one bidder, Star Signs, remains. The question was raised about whether Star would be working with a local installer on this project. Jay agreed to ask the Lakota Group for clarification.

Jay also stated that we have applied for one grant for this project and we may apply for additional ones to try to shorten the time span on the project.

B. Security Rebate Program

Commissioners noted that this program will likely be used extensively in 2009, as activity on the street recently may make more businesses interested in cameras and exterior lighting.

C. Other Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. SB Friedman's Analysis of PINS Outside the SSA

Jay distributed this report via email prior to the meeting. Discussion was held regarding consistency with the SSAs when it comes to aldermanic support. Commissioners noted that some SSAs have all of their residential properties included, since they receive the benefits of being in the SSA.

It was

MOVED and SECONDED

to support opening the SSA in 2009 to include all properties, provided that Aldermanic support was received, in order to lower the future tax rate to fund the SSA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. 2009 Budget Allocations

Jay noted that several line items in the budget would be reworked based on the fact that the SSA and NAMA will take a cubicle in the Center on Halsted. Rent and utilities, for example, will be significantly lower in 2009 as a result, and the SSA may use those funds in other areas of the budget, including the kiosk program.

C. Pylon Maintenance

Jay reminded the board that Acorn Electric will perform monthly maintenance on the pylons in 2009.

D. Security Funding

Chairman Ludwig stated that NAMA may choose not to renew its contract with the security subcontractor in 2009, so those funds may be available for other programs.

E. Web Site Development

Jay reported that three bids were solicited for a site for the SSA, the goal of which is to promote the area. NAMA will award the contract to Orbit Media Studios, which was the low bidder.

F. Acceptance of CPA for Audit

Jay noted that three bids were solicited for this work. H. Gregory Mermel, who has performed the audit for the SSA for some time, presented a bid that was in the middle of the three.

It was

MOVED and SECONDED

to retain H. Gregory Mermel for the 2009 SSA #18 Audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. Meeting Dates for 2009

Commissioners agreed to schedule 2009 meetings as follows: March 11, June 10, September 9, and December 9.

H. Other New Business

There was none.

6. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SSA #18 Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 10 a.m. at Nookies Tree.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.