



SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #18

MINUTES COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 16, 2009

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: Dave Gassman, Mickey Hornick, Tim Klump, Ron Koziel, Tom Marciniak, Michael Mitsoglou, and Sue Tessler. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was SSA Program Manager Jay Lyon.

2. Approval of the June 10, 2009 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

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to accept the financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Ludwig reminded commissioners that SSA #18 previously decided it will not reimburse SSA #8 for taxes related to the Triangle building, and that SSA #18 looks forward to completing an agreement with SSA #8 with respect to that building, as well as Northalsted streetscape elements that are outside SSA #18's boundaries.

Commissioners asked that the financial reports be shown in accrual basis so that SSA #18 may know what its outstanding bills are.

4. SSA #18 Expansion.

Chairman Ludwig noted that the hearing for the SSA #18 reconstitution will be held on October 5. He asked that commissioners attend this meeting to show support for the SSA.

Jay Lyon stated that we received a number of calls prior to our initial hearing at the Center on Halsted, but that after the mailing for this public hearing we received not even one call.

Commissioners reviewed the letter that went out with the notice of the hearing to all taxpayers in the SSA.

5. Old Business.

A. Review of Kiosk Status

Jay Lyon reported that we are getting closer to securing approval from the city for the permits for this work. Electrical drawings are currently being completed by an engineering firm.

As part of this program, the SSA will also have the ability to create a WiFi hot zone for Halsted Street if it so chooses.

B. Other Old Business

There was none.

7. New Business

A. Halloween Parade

Chairman Ludwig indicated that this year's parade will be held Oct. 31. Triangle Neighbors is again doing a great job with the planning of the event, though sponsorship dollars are down this year.

B. Other New Business

Michael Mitsoglou stated that he would like to see an aggressive advertising program of print and radio for the area. Jay Lyon indicated that the Northalsted Business Alliance will fund the greater part of a marketing contract in 2010 for this purpose, and that the SSA has funds in 2010 earmarked for print materials for concierges at hotels downtown.

8. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SSA #18 Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Nookies Tree.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.