



**MINUTES - SSA #18 COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

July 15, 2015

Nookies Tree, 3334 N. Halsted Street, 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:

Jim Ludwig, Dave Gassman, Kearby Kaiser, Cindy Rudman, Randy Shingledecker and Richard Wong. Tim Klump arrived after the start of the meeting.

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were Northalsted Business Alliance Director of Events Dustin Erikstrup and Assistant Director of Internal Affairs Eric Santiago.

2. 2016 SSA Budget and Programs

Eric distributes a meeting packet which includes a copy of the approved 2015 SSA Budget, the proposed 2016 SSA Budget, and an explanation of services summary. Eric provides deeper explanation of the 2016 services.

Eric reports that the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) has increased due to the addition of the Halsted Flats development which is reflected by an increase of nearly \$11,000 in the levy. In 2016 we are proposing a carryover of \$32,650.

Dave asks us to look into possible cost sharing programs that could possibly lower expenses. Cindy asks about the number of façade rebate applications have been submitted. Jim states that if we exhaust funding in the façade rebate program that the SSA can look at adjusting other costs so that this service is open to as many businesses as possible.

Dave asks for additional information on 4.06 Economic Impact Study. Eric reports that in 2015 funding from this category is going towards the development of a real estate database. In 2016 the specific project has yet to be determined. Kearby asks if Northalsted staff can obtain information about vacant first floor retail space.

Jim asks for additional information on 7.00 Personnel. Eric explains in 2015 the SSA Program Manager was housed under 6.00 SSA Management. Those funds have been reallocated from section 6.00 to 7.00. Eric explains that 7.07 Associate Director is applied to a portion of three staff members' salaries.

Cindy asks for an update on Chicago Pride Fest. Dustin reports that numbers are still being calculated.

After discussion, it was

**MOVED by Commissioner Cindy Rudman
SECONDED by Commissioner Tim Klump**

to approve the proposed 2016 services, 2016 budget as presented, and to contract with the Northalsted Business Alliance as the Service Provider for SSA #18.

Chairman Ludwig invited public comments.
There are no public comments.

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3. 2015 Meeting Schedule

Jim informs the Commissioners that the next SSA Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Nookies Tree.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was

**MOVED by Commissioner Randy Shingledecker
SECONDED by Commissioner Richard Wong**

to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.