

SSA #25 Commission Meeting
Little Village Chamber of Commerce
3610 W. 26th Street, 2nd Floor
Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 am
Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am

In attendance:

Mark Doyle, Pascual Villarreal, Dan Arce, Mike Moreno, Ric Porrez, Alfredo Avila, Florentina Rico and Nilda Esparza

Others present:

Alejandro Castro, Rocco Markese, Juan Gonzalez, Cesar Nuñez, Victor Vera, Carly Rizer, Brady Gott, Elizabeth Alvarez, Renee Washington, Nicolas Lopez, Albert Villaseñor, August Sallas and Baltazar Enriquez

Absent:

Dan Villarreal, Elena Duran and Salvador Pedroza

Introduction of Ward Superintendents and 2011 SSA #25 Vendors:

- Cesar Nunez, ward superintendent for the 22nd Ward from Kedzie to the City limits, Cermak to 33rd Street-35th Street.
- Rocco Markese, ward superintendent for the 12th Ward, Ogden to 49th Kedzie to Ashland on 26th Street to California.
- Brady Gott with Cleanslate Chicago the Cara Program; Elizabeth Alvarez, intern; Renee Washington, area supervisor for Cleanslate.
- Carly Rizer with Christy Webber (*was at earlier meeting with ward superintendents and vendors, had to leave before commission meeting*)

Landscaping:

- Are the stolen plants being replaced?
- How are the plants secured? Is there a wire mesh?
 - Questions will be forwarded to Christy Webber and forwarded to Commission.

March 15, 2011 meeting minutes:

- Dan Arce motions to approve minutes, Pascual seconds, all in favor, motion approve.
- There was a meeting on March 16th where the contracts were approved and March 29th were the 2012 work plan and budget were discussed.

SSA #25 Bank Account Review:

- Audit review with MPS last week, figures need to be entered into accounting software, the accountant needs to verify audit information.
- Audit was approved, the TIF refund is still pending for finalization.
- Dan Arce motions to approve, Ric seconds, all in favor, motion approved.

Old Business:

- Gift card program: Nilda has reached out to the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce. The parking meters are tied into their gift card. Still pending meeting date, Commissioner participation is welcome.
 - Look into time restriction, area zoning.
- 25th Ward outreach for street light information: Nilda will reach out to Maya Solis now that the runoff is complete.
- Follow up on holiday decorations: Quality of existing decorations are deteriorating.
 - The company that is currently storing the decorations have been asked for a proposal to regarland. Proposal has been submitted, they are working on a sample of the candy cane. They were also asked to submit a proposal for live evergreen wreaths for the main intersections.
 - Look into new decorations.

New Business:

- SSA #25 termination letter to the City: The Little Village Community Council submitted a letter to Gina Caruso regarding procedural concerns. The Chamber has submitted response to Gina. The City will respond to the Little Village Community Council.
- Corisco Landscaping contract: Have had numerous meetings regarding past contracts for the purchase of planters. There were options for 70 vs. 100 planters. 70 were purchased, installed and paid for.

Corisco Presentation for 30 new planters:

- Nicolas Lopez: 2009 agreement to provide two options (70 vs. 100) for planters and trash receptacles. There is a signed contract for 100 proposed with a \$15,000 manufacturer material discount. Due to financial status at that time it would be in 3 phases. Contract was signed on February 3rd, material would be delivered beginning of April but didn't happen until October-November. Maintenance was included as part of the contract but because the planters were installed late, there was a discount of services, planting and maintenance of close to \$70,000. The plan was for 100 planters to cover the expansion of the SSA on Pulaski, 31st, Kedzie and 25th Street. Was told verbally to wait for funding.
- Nilda: After review of the contracts, the contract with the option for 70 planters is the one that totals up to the 7 payments with the last payment titled the final payment. Have asked Corisco to submit a proposal for the 30 planters.
- There are two signed contracts. The contract for the 70 planter has paperwork associated to it, with payments.
- The SSA could use the 30 planters.
- Corisco proposes to install the planters for \$15,500 with the dirt in place with a \$14,000 loss.
- Christy Webber submitted proposal for 30 planters with full installation and plants for \$12,000.
- Discussion continued about proposal for 30 planters with or without installation, delivery or without delivery, pick up or storage.
- Dan Arce motions to accept purchase of additional 30 planters from Corisco for \$15,500 conditioned upon placement at our selection and providing dirt. Ric seconds, all in favor, motion approved.

Community and Public Input:

- August Sallas: Will wait on response from the City regarding the letter. Requesting a copy of the minutes, the budget, the program for 2011 and what the Commissioners receive. Glad 26th street is being cleaned.
 - Minutes are available on the website.
- Mark addressed Mr. Sallas regarding the sponsorship of two organizations and request for proposal from the Little Village Community Council.
- Baltazar Enriquez claims attitude has changed since Augui's letter.
 - Point of order called by Mike Moreno regarding language used.
- Mr. Sallas discussed letters issued to the City and the Commission on June 30, 2008 in support of expansion and on July 22, 2008 for items proposed for the Manuel Perez Jr. Plaza.
 - City has not forwarded information to the Chamber until now except for the letter regarding the Plaza, ideas could be incorporated into the work plan.
- Mr. Sallas has been requesting a copy of the agenda and notice of the meetings. Have now been receiving copies of the agenda. SSA money is to improve the neighborhood to improve the value of the property and not for the arts.
- Discussion about community services, neighborhood crime, teacher retention, neighborhood parks, neighborhood events, arch repairs, sanitary washrooms and the film festival.
- Nilda: Monies have not been dispersed. The two organizations awarded sponsorship, after Commission approved proposals, were asked to look for fiscal agents and give the Chamber 6 weeks to put process and systems in place.

Pascual motions to adjourn, Ric seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.