

SSA #25 Commission Meeting
Catedral Cafe
2500 S. Christiana Ave.
Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Meeting Called to Order at 6:20 pm
Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

In attendance:

Mark Doyle, Dan Arce, Elena Duran, Mike Moreno, Ric Porrez, Alfredo Avila, Florentina Rico, Nilda Esparza, Claudia Renteria and Vanessa Alvarez

Others present:

Anthony Davila, Michael D. Rodriguez, Abraham Duenas, Tekorah Martin, Renee Washington, August Sallas, Albert Villasenor and Victor Frango

Absent:

Dan Villarreal, Pascual Villarreal and Salvador Pedroza

Meeting called to order:

- Ric requests to move up the Cleanslate item on the agenda due to Cleanslate's schedule.
- Review of Cleanslate's Graffiti Removal Proposal and discussion.
- Ric motions to approve pending Cleanslate's submittal of data used to generate the proposal amount, Alfredo seconds, all in favor, motion approved.

Agenda:

- Ric motions to approve the agenda, Elena seconds, all in favor, motion approved.

May 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes:

- Mark asks about the gift card program progress.
 - Still need to meet with Lakeview East.
- Ric motions to approve meeting minutes, Mike seconds, all in favor, motion approved.

SSA #25 Financial Report:

- Ric asks about the 2.00 Public Way Maintenance budget items for graffiti removal.
 - There are dollars allocated under 2.03 Graffiti Removal and 2.10 Supplies.
- Elena comments on the clarity of the reporting.
- Elena motions to approve the financial report, Ric seconds, all in favor, motion approved.

2011 Mid-Year Performance Assessment:

- Ric motions to approve the mid-year performance assessment, Mike seconds, all in favor, motions approved.
(Mark signs the 2011 Mid-Year Performance Assessment to be submitted to the City)

Old Business:

- Holiday decorations:
 - Review of the numbers submitted by Chicago Event Graphics for current decorations: cost for new in 2005, cost for new in 2011 and cost to refurbish existing. Also the quote for wreath installations.
 - Alfredo opens discussion to solar powered decorations, there is a vast variety.
 - Mike motions to use the budget on half traditional and half solar powered decorations to include all of the SSA boundary, Dan Arce seconds, all in favor, motion approved.
- Arch update: follow up on clock
 - Alfredo presents the information found on clocks.
 - Mike motions for the \$9,500 to be used to purchase the clocks contingent on doing something constructive with the existing mechanism, Ric seconds, all in favor, motion approved.
- Corisco's installation of 30 additional planters:
 - Corisco has installed the 30 additional planters.

New Business:

- Christy Webber Landscapes' Invoice for Change Order #1:
 - Totals \$484.36 and will be paid in the remaining 5 scheduled installments.
 - Ric motions to approve payment, Elena seconds, all in favor, motion approved.
- Mark acknowledged the thank you letter received for support of the "Healing the Hood" event.
- Nilda talks about the Chamber partnering up with Local First Chicago for Shop Local campaign for the holidays. Sidewalk sales are scheduled to take place the last weekend of June, July, August and September. Also working on permits for August 6th and September 10th to try to combat some of the losses the businesses experience from the closing off of streets due to the Fairs and the Parade. The Chamber will submit applications for permits for 22nd ward and the 12th ward. Alderman Munoz has approved and waved permit fees for the 22nd ward, waiting on the 12th ward.
- Elena is concerned with the vacancies and "brujeros/botanicas" that are opening up and taking advantage of people.

Community and Public Input:

- Community Council member asks for the sun/shade on 26th street to be considered when looking at solar lighting.
- Mike Rodriguez, Enlace Chicago: This summer 12 youth will be doing a community survey and mapping of empty storefronts and effected houses to get a better sense of the impact of the foreclosure crisis on Little Village; Little Village was one of four communities chosen to take part in Open House Chicago, October 13 and 14, there are 25 Architectural sites in the neighborhood.

Elena motions to adjourn, Ric seconds, all in favor, meeting adjourned.