



## SSA #25 Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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9:00AM

### 9:00AM

- Welcome and Call Meeting to Order
  - a. Chairman Moreno Jr calls the meeting to order at 9:08am

**The meeting of the SSA #25 Commission is called to order. Pursuant to the applicable law and my determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, this meeting is conducted by videoconference.**
- SSA #25 Commissioner Roll Call
  - a. Commissioners in attendance: Elena Duran, Jose Hernandez, Mike Moreno Jr., Francisco Menchaca and Pascual Villarreal.
  - b. Commissioners absent: Richard Juarez Sr., Claudia Rodriguez & Ric Porrez.
  - c. Staff in attendance: Blanca Soto.
- Approval of Agenda
  - a. Commissioner Duran motions to approve the SSA #25, 9/14/22 meeting agenda as presents, Commissioner Menchaca seconds; all approve.
- Public Input (review guidelines for public input below)
  - a. No public in attendance
- Approval of SSA #25 August 10, 2022, meeting minutes
  - a. Commissioner Menchaca motions to approve the SSA #25, 8/10/22 meeting minutes as presented, Commissioner Hernandez seconds; all approve.
- Approval of SSA #25 August 2022 Financial Reports
  - P&L, Balance Sheet
  - Expense Tracking Budget
  - August 2022 Payment Checks
  - a. As of 8/31/22 \$193,744.19 has been deposited into the SSA #25 bank account.
  - b. As of 8/31/22 \$137,465.82 has been expensed out.
  - c. \$26.08 was the total deposit in the month of August 2022.
  - d. No updates have been received from the City of Chicago/SSA Department on the status of changes on the second property tac bill being mailed out from the Cook County.
  - e. Commissioner Duran motions to approve the SSA #25 August 2022 financials as presented, Commissioner Villarreal seconds; all approve.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Rey Raigoza, Urban Warrior Youth Community
  - a. Ray Raigoza provided an overview of Urban Warrior Youth to the SSA #25 Commissioners.
  - b. The Urban Warrior Organization focuses on youth development by elevating youth impact and providing tangible opportunities to build human capital in our communities.
  - c. Blanca thanks Ray for attending and asks Ray how the SSA #25 can be of any support to his newly organization resources he is currently providing.
  - d. Ray is looking for investment from organizations or businesses to sustain and grow the programs.
  - e. Chairman Moreno Jr. mentioned he will be supporting Urban Warrior Youth on behalf of Osito's tap and Moreno Liquors. He is a big advocate when it comes to supporting resources needed in the community.
  - f. Commissioner Hernandez expressed his gratitude to Ray with all his involvement that he has done in the past with the Little Village Little League and other work within the community. Commissioner Hernandez says Ray has his support along with his business support.
  - g. Blanca informs Ray that this is something both, the SSA #25 and the Little Village Chamber of Commerce can both support. The SSA #25 can support an event that he may have, when and if the event meets the requirements, one being that the event will need to take place within the SSA #25 boundaries. The LVCC can support by offering the conference room when available to help him when he has his in-person classes.
  - h. Ray to follow up by sending some event proposals to the SSA #25 and by following up with Blanca on some potential dates to reserve the conference room for class.
  - i. Ray thanks the SSA #25 Commissioners for giving him an opportunity to talk about the Urban Warrior Youth Community. The SSA #25 Commissioners thank Ray for attending.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- SSA #25 Commissioners Renewal Update
  - a. Claudia Rodriguez SSA Commissioner application is pending. Claudia still has not submitted her renewal application as of today.
  - b. Blanca reminds the SSA #25 Commissioners come December's meeting, the SSA #25 Commissioners will need to discuss the new SSA #25 Chairman position as current Chairman, Moreno Jr.'s term will be expiring on 12/31/22 as SSA #25 Chairman.
  - c. Chairman Moreno Jr mentioned he would like to have the Annual SSA #25 December Commission Meeting in person at Nuevo Leon as we have done in the past. When and if everyone is okay with having it in person. He wants to make sure everyone is comfortable.
  - d. Blanca ask the SSA #25 Commissioners if they would like to keep the Mexican Flags up till the end of the year or will they like to reinstall the Day of the Dead banners, followed by the Holiday banners.
  - e. Commissioner Duran mentions that she would like to see the Day of the Dead and Holiday banners reinstalled as the community and outside guests that visit the corridor look forward to seeing the decorative banners in the corridor.
  - f. Chairman Moreno Jr. suggest to possibly keeping the Mexican Flag banners all through Hispanic Heritage month, October 15<sup>th</sup> then install the Day of the Dead banners through November 15<sup>th</sup> followed by the Holiday banners till the first week of January in 2023.
  - g. Blanca said she will make sure to have the banners scheduled accordingly.
  - h. Commissioner Duran request to have Corisco Construction provide them with actual images of one SSA #25 planter container with the next installation display (Fall) before installing all the display on all the containers.
  - i. Blanca will follow up with Nicolas Lopez at Corisco Construction with the request.
  - j. Elena Duran informed the SSA #25 Commissioner that the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper did an article on August 17<sup>th</sup>, "Five Ways on How to Make Michigan Avenue greater. She recommends the SSA #25 Commissioners to read it. This article proposes on how one can get creative on the business corridor with vacant buildings and events.

- k. Commissioner Duran thinks the Little Village Chamber, with a new Executive Director search in the works, needs to have the vision of other communities on how they do events, like the Mole de Mayo event for example.
- l. Blanca mentioned that Sarai has great ideas on how we can market the business corridor in a more creative way. While walking the corridor when visiting the businesses with parade information, a lot of creative ideas were shared on how SSA #25 can be marketed better, especially when we have new business coming into the corridor or even reaching out to businesses during the Holidays and see if they can do a “who can make the best Day of the Dead pan/conchas”.
- m. Blanca makes a quick announcement that she will be on vacation starting Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and will be back on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can reach her on her cell if needed.

**Guidelines for Public Input:**

- The goal of public input is to ensure that all voices of the community are heard on matters pertaining to the work of Little Village SSA #25. The commission is not required to provide immediate response to questions nor concerns presented.
  - Public input will be available at the start of each SSA #25 meeting once SSA #25 Commissioner roll call has been made
    - The opportunity to speak during public input will be available for all those in attendance. however, speaking time may be limited depending on the number of attendees wishing to speak. The Commission will aim to limit this portion of the meeting to no more than 15 minutes.
- The public forum portion of SSA #25 commission meetings, as with all portions of the meeting, will proceed according to Robert’s Rules of Order, most importantly:
  - No attendee may speak twice until everyone else wishing to speak has spoken once.
  - All remarks must be directed to the Chair.
  - Remarks must be courteous in language and deportment avoiding all personal remarks and never alluding to others by name or to motives.
  - One person may speak at a time, if not the presiding officer can call them out of order

**MEETING ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Villarreal motions to adjourn the SSA #25 Commission meeting at 9:49am, Commissioner Duran seconds; all approve.