



SSA #25 Special Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Los Candiles Restaurant
2624 S Central Park Ave
Chicago, IL 60623

- Welcome and Call Meeting to Order
 - a) Commissioner Porrez calls the meeting to order at 9:23 AM
- SSA #25 Commissioner Roll Call
 - a) Commissioners in attendance: Hugo Avila, Elena Duran, Ric Porrez, Mike Moreno Jr.
 - b) Commissioners absent: Claudia Rodriguez
 - c) Commissioners excused: Richard Juarez Sr.
 - d) Staff in attendance: Veronica Peña, Jennifer Aguilar and Blanca Soto
- Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - a) Commissioner Duran motions to approve the meeting agenda as presented, Commissioner Moreno Jr. Seconds; all approved.
- Public Input (see guidelines below)
 - a) Adrian Guzman from the Chicago Youth Boxing Club and Marlene Rios are in attendance.
 - b) Adrian presents the Fight Show event that will take place in June at Apollo 2000
 - c) Fighters from all weight levels will be present and will get a chance to fight for the champion belt
 - d) Youth Boxing Club expects a total of 300 attendees and is asking the SSA #25 for sponsorship at Gold level of \$1,000
 - e) Commissioner Porrez asked how will this event be marketed and is there still enough time to market with the SSA #25's logo?
 - a) Adrian let the commissioners know that some marketing material has been printed, however, most of the marketing will be done online, and other items still need to be printed.
 - f) Commissioner Avila asked when they would need to know the decision by?
 - a) Adrian said that as soon as possible is best, but ideally the cut off would be end of April
 - g) Commissioners thanked the Chicago Youth Boxing Club for attending the meeting and will reach out with a decision.
 - h) As the commissioners reviewed the proposal, they also noted that the event will be held outside of the SSA #25's bounds and because of this, the proposal is not eligible.
- SSA #25 Financial Reports as of 3/31/26
 - a) As of 3/31/26, a total of \$ 215,313.70 has been received in property tax revenue payments and deposited directly into the SSA #25 bank account.
 - b) \$128,067.89 is for 2024 Property Tax Revenue
 - c) \$87,182.65 id for 2025 Property Tax Revenue
 - d) Commissioner Avila motions to approve the finances as presented, Commissioner Moreno Jr. seconds; all approved.
- SSA #25 Disbursement Payments
 - a) A total of three payment checks to be disbursed, Blanca read the list of payments to the SSA #25 Commissioners.
 - b) Independent Recycling, Landscape Concepts Management, and Little Village Chamber of Commerce.
 - c) Commissioner Duran motions to approve the disbursement of the checks mentioned in the list by Blanca, Commissioner Avila Seconds; all approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- SSA #25 2026 QTR 1 Report
 - a) Blanca reports on the QTR 1 report to the SSA #25 Commissioners
 - b) Commissioner Duran motions to approve the QTR 1 Reports as presented, Commissioner Avila Seconds; all approved.

9:30 AM

- Marcus Aubin – Little Village Video Project
 - a) Mr. Aubin worked on a Little Village video project back in 2016 with the support of SSA #25 and was in attendance to share the idea with the SSA #25 Commissioners of a new, updated video project of Little Village.
 - b) Marcus provided an overview of the project. This film will be about resilience, culture, and community. This film will capture a portrait of the people and establishments who rise, build, and hold Little Village together.
 - c) Marcus is requesting funding between \$12,000 and \$25,000
 - d) Commissioner Moreno stated that the SSA #25 would not be able to solely fund the project, and would like to know if Marcus is planning on asking for other sponsorships?
 - a. Marcus agreed, there would be other requests for sponsorship from other organizations and companies.
 - e) Commissioners thanked the Marcus for attending the meeting and will reach out with a decision.
 - f) As the commissioners discussed the proposed sponsorship, discussions on the total cost of the project would not be able to be covered only by the SSA #25.
 - g) Commissioners agreed that Blanca should reach out to ask him to refine his request to a shorter film, that would then decrease the cost of the project.

- Katia Orozco, State Representative Edgar Gonzalez Office – Dia del Niño Special Event
 - a) Katia Orozco was in attendance to request support on a special event taking place on April 30, 2026, at the Little Village Discount Mall for El Dia Del Niño.
 - b) Katia shared how the event will take place at the discount mall, and they plan to invite different organizations to the event so that they can provide activities and resources for the families and children.
 - c) Katia also shared how the goal of the event is to bring business to the Discount Mall Vendors while also allowing the community to access valuable resources
 - d) Katia's proposal was to request a sponsorship for food for about 300 people
 - e) Commissioner Porrez asked when Katia would need a response by?
 - a. Katia explained that due to the delay in getting back from the approval to use the parking lot, they would need to hear back as soon as possible.
 - f) Commissioners thanked Katia for attending the meeting and will reach out with a decision.
 - g) Commissioner Avila motions to approve a \$3,000 special event sponsorship to support the food truck portion of the event, with the request that Katia Orozco submit an official proposal request with the amount requested and submits the 1 page report due after the event, listing how the funds were expensed and an overall event summary. Commissioner Duran Seconds; all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- La Villita Sin Plástico Proposal
 - a) Janet Reyes followed up from attending last month's SSA #25 Commission meeting by submitting a proposal for her La Villita Sin Plastico Proposal per the SSA #25 Commission's request.
 - b) The project proposal requested is for a total of \$290 that will be used for printing the flyers.
 - c) SSA #25 Commissioner requested to see a draft of the flyer prior to printing with the SSA #25 logo included.

- d) Blanca to reach out to Janet and share the flyer with the SSA #25 Commissioners prior to printing.
- e) Commissioner Moreno Jr. motions to approve the \$290 proposal ask, Commissioner Avila Seconds; all approved.
- SSA #25 2025 Audit Updates
 - a) Received an update from Mark at the City regarding the County's vendor, who is making progress in reconciling the tax reports; they are still not ready to provide the reports to the taxing agencies, and given this continued uncertainty, the city is now extending the 2025 SSA audit submission deadline to June 1, 2026. Depending on when these reports are actually received, they may have to extend this deadline further
 - b) Blanca has been working with Gus on the audit process on any items needed or requested.
- Landscaping Updates:
 - a) Plant containers have been cleaned out, and the Spring installation is scheduled for 4/22/26.
 - b) Blanca mentioned that Landscape Concepts Management reached out to see if they could install two wooden butterflies they had previously displayed along Michigan Avenue (image provided to the SSA #25 Commissioners). Their seasonal manager believes these pieces could enhance either the corridor or the Manuel Perez Jr. Memorial Plaza and help beautify the neighborhood.
 - c) Blanca reached out to the 22nd Ward Alderperson's office, Michael D. Rodriguez, to inquire if a permit would be needed to install the butterflies at the Manuel Perez Jr. Plaza. Currently waiting to hear back from his office. LCM is also looking into whether a certificate of insurance will be needed for installation.
- SSA #25 Renewing Commissioners Updates
 - a) Commissioner Porrez and Moreno Jr. renewal applications are still in the renewal process.
 - b) New SSA #25 Commissioner search will be going out soon in the LVCC newsletter and social media channels.
- SSA #25 May 19th Commission Meeting
 - d) Next meeting is scheduled at Los Candiles, 2624 S Central Park – 5/19/26.

10:44 am Commissioner Duran motions to adjourn the SSA #25 Meeting, Commissioner Avila seconds; all approved.

Guidelines for Public Input:

- The purpose of public input is to ensure the community's perspectives are heard on matters relevant to Little Village SSA #25. Commissioners are not required to provide immediate responses to questions or concerns presented.
- Public input will occur at the start of each SSA #25 meeting following the Commissioner's roll call.
- All attendees may participate in public input; however, speaking time may be limited depending on the number of participants. The Commission will aim to limit this portion of the meeting to 15 minutes or less.
- The public input portion of the meeting will follow Robert's Rules of Order. Key rules include:
- No attendee may speak a second time until all others wishing to speak have had an opportunity.
- All remarks must be directed to the Chair.
- Comments must be courteous, avoiding personal remarks or references to individuals by name or motive.
- Only one person may speak at a time; the presiding officer may call to order anyone who does otherwise.