

SSA #13 Commissioners Meeting
February 28, 2022
Zoom Video Call

Present:

- SSA #13 Chairman James Matanky
- SSA #13 Commissioner Peter Testa
- SSA #13 Commissioner Barry Rosenthal
- SSA #13 Commissioner Mike Carlino
- SSA #13 Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski
- SSA #13 Commissioner Matt Rogatz
- SSA #13 Incoming Commissioner Luz Tovar
- BYNC President & CEO Craig Chico
- SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett

Absent:

- None

SSA #13 Chairman James Matanky called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett introduced Luz Tovar to the Commission. Ms. Tovar is with Coach USA on 44th and Racine. Ms. Tovar spoke of her experience working in the Stockyards and her desire to be involved in the community, and thus her interest in becoming an SSA #13 Commissioner.

The Commission reviewed the July 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Peter Testa made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the meeting minutes were approved.

SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett informed the Commission that she would be meeting with Pressure Washing Unlimited, the SSA #13 retained vendor for sidewalk cleaning, to discuss pricing on pressure washing for the perimeter of the Stockyards Industrial Park as well as the perimeter of the expansion Central Manufacturing District area. She asked if the Commissioners had suggestions for other areas to be targeted. Racine Avenue was suggested, especially between 47th and 43rd Street where the drag racing deterrents have collected dirt and garbage. Ms. Barrett said she would ask to include that area in the cleanup proposal.

Ms. Barrett explained that with the prices set for installation of seasonal flowers and maintenance, there was still room in the landscaping budget to allow for a new project. Ms. Barrett suggested two options: installing planters on the existing drag racing deterrent medians, or expanding the double baskets on Pershing. Commissioner Testa pointed out that the bumpouts and curbs are constantly driven over and planters would be damaged. Chairman Matanky suggested the baskets would be the safer option.

Ms. Barrett reminded the Commissioners that they needed to submit their Commission applications to renew, which most had. She explained that Commissioner Carlino would be leaving the Commission. Commissioner Carlino explained that he will be working extensively in Florida and unable to continue participating in the Commission. Ms. Barrett informed the Commission that Commissioner Carlino had two potential replacement candidates at Vienna Beef who had expressed interest in applying, but that she had not received their application. Commissioner Carlino said he would follow up with them on the application.

Ms. Barrett informed the Commission of plans to host a job fair and asked for suggestions for locations. After discussing possible options, Mr. Chico expressed that ComEd has a community space at their building on 35th and Iron which could hold the job fair.

The Commission then spoke with incoming Commissioner Luz Tovar about her work experience at Coach USA. Mr. Chico explained that Ms. Tovar would have to meet with the alderman of both the 11th and 20th Wards for approval to her Commission.

Mr. Chico explained that the new 11th Ward Alderman would be appointed by Mayor Lightfoot after a panel makes a recommendation.

Commissioner Matt Rogatz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Next meeting: April 26, 2022

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