

SSA #13 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2020
Zoom Meeting
8:30 a.m.

Present:

- Chairman James Matanky
- Commissioner Peter Testa
- Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski
- Commissioner Barry Rosenthal
- Commissioner Matt Rogatz
- BYNC President & CEO Craig Chico
- SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett
- BYNC Logistics Director George Cardoso

Chairman James Matanky called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

The Commission reviewed the April 29, 2020 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Matt Rogatz made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the April 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved.

SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett presented the 2021 SSA #13 Workplan and Budget. The SSA #13 Commissioners reviewed the 2021 SSA #13 Budget and Workplan. Ms. Barrett explained that the outbreak of COVID paused most of the initiatives that were planned for 2020, and so the budget for 2021 is very similar to the 2020 budget, and that a new line-item was added for COVID assistance should it be needed in 2021. Chairman Matanky requested that a line-item be added for Way Finding and Signage for 2021. Commissioner Rogatz made a motion to approve the 2021 SSA #13 Budget. Commissioner Peter Testa seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the 2021 SSA #13 Budget was approved. Commissioner Wasielewski made a motion to approve the 2021 SSA #13 Workplan. Commissioner Testa seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the 2021 Workplan was approved by the Commission. Commissioner Wasielewski made a motion to approve the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council as the 2021 SSA #13 Service Provider. Commissioner Rogatz seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, The Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council was approved as the 2021 SSA #13 Service Provider.

Ms. Barrett informed the Commission that the annual Stamp-Eat event is not likely to be possible this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Current safety restrictions because of COVID-19 mean that the capacity would be limited to less than 50, social distancing would need to be enforced and masks would be required. She suggested that the event be delayed until next year.



BYNC CEO Craig Chico informed the Commission that he and Ms. Barrett had met with a new owner in the Stockyards Industrial Park. Developers from Anchor Initiatives have purchased a previously abandoned building on 41st and Packers. They plan to have tenants use it for marijuana growing. Mr. Munson was from Anchor Initiatives was invited to the meeting and could not make it.

Chairman Matanky asked if there was any movement on the Stockyards Bank. Mr. Chico explained that he had heard that the attempt to turn it into a museum may be moving forward but it is unclear.

Chairman Matanky suggested the next meeting date be moved to October 10, 2020 pending any increase in COVID-19 cases.

Commissioner Matt Rogatz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barry Rosenthal seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Next SSA #13 Commission Meeting: October 2020

Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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