

SSA #13 Commissioners Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2019
Back of the Yards
Neighborhood
Council
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
- John Malloy – City of Chicago Department of Planning & Development

Absent:

- Incoming Commissioner Mike Carlino

Chairman James Matanky called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m.

The Commission reviewed the October 3, 2019 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Peter Testa made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the October 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved.

SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett presented the Commissioners with a Year-ToDate report. The report was presented as a “budget vs. actual” report. The report showed that landscaping and gate repair had gone over budget. Commissioner Wasielewski made a motion to move \$30,500.00 from “on-staff personnel” (2.09) to be split between 2.02 (landscaping) and 2.12 (gate repair.) Commissioner Testa seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote the motion to move funds was approved.

Caitlin Barrett told the Commission that the breakfast meeting with Alderman Thompson, which had been discussed at the previous Commission meeting, had been moved. The date was set for December, pending Alderman Thompson’s schedule. The Commission suggested Tria for the location of the breakfast. Tria was the location of the previous breakfast meeting with the Alderman. Ms. Barrett would coordinate with the Alderman’s office to confirm the time and inform the Commission once the date was solidified.

John Malloy from the Department of Planning and Development spoke to the Commission. He explained that the structure of the Department has changed. He spoke of the Mayor’s Invest South/West program, and the fact that the Back of the Yards area was one of the chosen areas the Mayor wants to highlight. Chairman Matanky asked about the plot on the corner of 45th Street and Halsted Street. Mr. Malloy explained that Lakeshore Beverage had purchased the land and is planning on utilizing it for their office

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headquarters, which will bring a few hundred jobs into the SSA. Mr. Malloy also explained that the Stockyards Annex TIF is expiring and will be up for renewal in 2020.

The Commissioners asked about the state of the Stockyards Bank on Halsted. Mr. Molloy said that the building is still vacant, with a few ideas being discussed as to what will happen. The Commission suggested a tour to see the building, which will depend on scheduling.

Caitlin Barrett presented the Commission with a calendar showing suggested dates for 2020 Commission meetings. The Commission reviewed the calendars. Ms. Barrett said she would send the finalized copy of the calendars to them before the end of the year.

BYNC President Craig Chico informed the Commission that the annual Holiday Party would be taking place on December 19 with the location tentatively being set at the Stockyards Garage.

Commissioner Wasielewski informed the Commission that her building, Richwill Refrigerated Warehouse, had been bought by OSI.

Commissioner Matt Rogatz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Next SSA #13 Commission Meeting: March 2020

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

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