

SSA #13 Commissioners Meeting Minutes
November 19, 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

Chairman James Matanky called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Commission reviewed the July 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Peter Testa made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the meeting minutes were approved.

Program Manager Caitlin Barrett presented the Commission with a year-to-date report showing the SSA's spending as budgeted-vs-actual. Ms. Barrett explained that due to COVID, spending was cut down in order to preserve funds in the latter half of the year, should taxes be delayed. This meant that there would seem to be a large carryover into 2021.

BYNC President Craig Chico explained to the Commission that the time was coming to go out to bid for the security contract and that coming in the New Year we would be sending out a request for proposal in order to get new bids. Mr. Chico expressed that a committee should be formed to review the proposals once received. Mr. Matanky suggested the Commission review the RFP before it is sent out to security companies.

Caitlin Barrett told the Commission that she had been in contact with ComEd about an energy efficiency grant program available to industrial businesses and would be reaching out to SSA businesses to participate.

Caitlin Barrett presented the Commission with a calendar for meeting dates for 2021 to review. After altering some dates, the meeting dates.

Mr. Chico discussed recruiting new SSA Commissioners, suggesting BETON Construction, Royal Envelope and Inova Flavors as businesses to approach.

Mr. Chico also informed the Commission that there is a new air quality ordinance in City Council that would impact the businesses in the Stockyards due to potential zoning changes. He explained that with the ordinance being tabled there may still be time to offer input on the impact the ordinance may have on the already existing businesses.

The meeting was continued at 9:05 a.m.

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3/18/2021 (Continued from 11/19/2021)

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Program Manager Caitlin Barrett presented the security request for proposal to the Commissioner. The RFP was to be sent out on March 18 with a due date for proposals to be April 9, 2021. The Commission discussed forming a subcommittee to review the proposals after they have been submitted.

Caitlin Barrett informed the Commission that there would be a clinic opening in the Back of the Yards to help vaccinate local residents. She said that she would be promoting it to SSA businesses who may have local residents as employees.

Ms. Barrett also explained that in addition to the Protect Chicago Plus clinic that had opened up, she had formed a partnership with a local clinic, the Wellness Home on Morgan, to administer vaccines to SSA businesses. The first being Testa Produce, who had scheduled over 80 employees to receive both doses of their vaccine through the Wellness Home. The Wellness Home would be willing to visit businesses and vaccinate employees on-site. She informed the Commission she would be extending the outreach for this partnership now that the clinic had begun receiving larger dosage amounts.

Mr. Matanky suggested that the landscaping work, especially in the planters, be more robust this year after cutting back drastically on landscaping in 2021.



Commissioner Rogatz inquired as to the status of the empty lot on 45th and Halsted. Mr. Chico informed that the plan is still for that building to become office space for the attached warehouse of Lakeshore Beverage.

Commissioner Rogatz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Next meeting: July 7. 2021

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

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