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SSA #13 Commissioners Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022
Zoom Video Call

Present:

- SSA #13 Chairman James Matanky
- SSA #13 Commissioner Peter Testa
- SSA #13 Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski
- SSA #13 Commissioner Matt Rogatz
- Incoming SSA #13 Commissioner Yvette Leon
- BYNC President & CEO Craig Chico
- SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett

SSA #13 Chairman James Matanky called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Commission reviewed the July 15, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Peter Testa made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the April 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved.

SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett presented the Commission with the responses to the request for proposal released for banner design and installation. Only one company submitted artwork with their design proposal. Chairman Matanky suggested that another request for proposal be released seeking only artwork designs for the banners, so that the installation can be handled separately.

Ms. Barrett presented the Commission with a list of new business licenses in the SSA, so that the Commission could see what new businesses were moving into the area, with 23 total business licenses being issued, most appeared to be related to existing businesses expanding their operations.

SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett presented the Commission with a Year-to-Date report presented as budget vs. actual spending. She explained that spending was reduced drastically throughout the year because of the news that the second installment of property taxes that fund the SSA would be delayed. She explained that although the budget vs. actual may show underspending, the actual amount we received was lower.

Ms. Barrett presented a calendar of proposed tentative dates for 2023 SSA #13 meetings, and asked Commissioners to review their calendars for any conflicts in case dates needed to be changed at a later date.

Craig Chico reminded the Commmissioners that they were all invited to the upcoming BYNC holiday events including our toy giveaway and Commissioners Holiday Party the following day, December 15.

Mr. Chico explained to the Commissioners that the BYNC had recently participated in a World Business Chicago “lunch and learn” event and thanked the Commissioners who sent representatives to the event.

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Mr. Matanky asked about the status of our two newest Commission applicants, and Incoming Commissioner Yvette Leon informed the Commission that she and Lex Galeas had recently completed their interviews with Alderman Villegas and that they would be officially made Commissioners as of the next City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Peter Testa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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