

SSA #10 Back of the Yards Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28th, 2020
12:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Commission Present

Emilio Carrasquillo, Chairman
Terri Cox, Vice Chairwoman
Lucas Kristen
Jose Chavez
Juan Martinez

BYNC Staff Present

Craig Chico, President
Fabiola Flores, Program Manager
Gisela Nevarez, Bookkeeper
George Cardoso, Maintenance Supervisor
Cary Hall, CPA
Edwin Garcia, BYNC

Commission Absent

Salvador Benitez
Jerry Mazzei

Vice Chairwoman Terri Cox called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m.

Vice Chairwoman Cox asked the commissioners to move on to line item III, Review and Approve 2019 SSA #10 Financial Audit. CPA, Cary Hall asked the commissioners to turn to page 3, he explained page 3 and 4. He then asked everyone to turn to page 8, 9, and 10. He explained that these pages show comparison of revenue and expenses to the 2018 and 2019 budget and shows detail expenses on each program.

Chairman, Emilio Carrasquillo joins the meeting.

Cary Hall asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

Chairman Carrasquillo asked if there was anything further to disclose. Cary Hall replied by stating that based on the audit reporting, there were no findings and that the SSA has done a great job spending the revenues according to budget.

Cary Hall asked if there were any questions or comments. No questions or comments.

Chairman Carrasquillo asked for a motion to approve the 2019 SSA #10 Financial Audit. First motion was made by Terri Cox, seconded by Lucas Kristen. A vote was taken and the 2019 SSA#10 Audit was passed unanimously.

Chairman Carrasquillo asked the commissioners if they had an opportunity to review the meeting minutes from February 22, 2020. Commissioners have read and reviewed the minutes. Chairman

Carrasquillo seeks a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 22, 2020. First motion was made by Terri Cox, seconded by Jose Chavez. Voted on and unanimously approved.

Moving on to next line item IV, Upcoming Events. Program Manager, Fabiola Flores announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Fiesta Back of the Yards is postponed until September 25-27. The organization and event managers will follow the City and State guidelines on how to keep the spectators safe while enjoying the festival. She will keep everyone updated as new information becomes available.

BYNC's annual Golf Outing is also being postponed until further notice, announced Fabiola.

Moving on to item V. Old and new business, Program Manager updated the commissioners on the streetscapes and planters. She mentioned that due the COVID-19, the plans for purchasing the planters will be delayed for a few weeks. We want to make sure that the SSA revenues are not interrupted due lack of payment from taxpayers; and will be able to purchase the planters.

Program Manager reminded everyone that the City and County Financial Ethics Statements were due on May 1st and June 1st. Fabiola offered to assist anyone who needs help completing them online.

Commissioner Lucas Kristen asked if the online video training for the commissioners was mandatory and if substitutes the online filing. Fabiola replied that she will find out with the city because she's not aware of the online training that was sent out to new commissioners.

Program Manager, Fabiola then announced that two of our local businesses are the awardees for the LISC Chicago grants of \$10K. In addition, she has been assisting many businesses seek financial support through grants and loans such as the SBA PPP program, Disaster Loan, City of Chicago Resiliency Loan, and Microbusiness Grants. Commissioner Jose Chavez mentioned that if any of our businesses were having difficulty obtaining a loan, to contact Royal Bank.

Chairman Carrasquillo added that Spanish Coalition for Housing is currently offering rental assistance of up to \$5,000. He will send the application and information to help spread the word out.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Carrasquillo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. First motion made by Commissioner Kristen, seconded by Commissioner Cox. Voted on and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.