

SSA #10 Back of the Yards Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14th, 2020
12:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Commission Present

Emilio Carrasquillo, Chairman
Terri Cox, Vice-Chair
Lucas Kristen
Jose Chavez

BYNC Staff Present

Craig Chico, President
Fabiola Flores, Program Manager
Gisela Nevarez, Bookkeeper
Ed Garcia, Financial Director

Commission Absent

Salvador Benitez
Jerry Mazzei
Juan Martinez

Chairman Carrasquillo called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Chairman Carrasquillo seeks a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 28, 2020. First motion was made by Commissioner Kristen, seconded by Commissioner Cox. All in favor and the meeting minutes are approved unanimously.

Chairman Carrasquillo asked Program Manager, Fabiola to report on the next item on the agenda. Fabiola announced that the Small Business Economic Relief Grant was a successful program. She reported that there were a total of 31 applicants and all of them complied with the requirements. Therefore, with the approval of Chairman Carrasquillo, all 31 recipients were awarded with the \$1,000 grant. She mentioned since the annual Fiesta Back of the Yards event won't be taking place for this year, \$5,000 from those funds were used to cover the rest of the recipients grants.

Craig Chico announced that the first day that grants were given, the BYNC hosted a PPE giveaway outside our office and few of the recipients were also in line to receive both PPE kits and the grants.

Commissioners congratulated the team for a job well done.

Moving to the next item on the agenda. Review and approve the 2021 SSA #10 Budget and Work Plan. Program Manager stated that the budget is relatively the same as last year. The only change was adding line item 4.10 for COVID-19 Relief and can be adjusted as needed. Fabiola reminded the commissioners that for this year, we are still moving forward with installing new planters. She added that there is high request for more garbage cans in the SSA. Fabiola said that

there were several comments during a business meeting in early July; businesses want to see more garbage cans through out the block and not just on the corners.

Program Manger asked if there were any questions on the SSA 10 2021 Work Plan and Budget. No questions asked.

Chairman Carrasquillo seeks a motion to approve the SSA 10 2021 Work Plan and Budget. First motion made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Chavez. All in favor and unanimously approved.

Chairman Carrasquillo seeks a motion to approve the BYNC as service provider for SSA #10. First motion made by Commission Cox, seconded by Commissioner Kristen. All in favor and unanimously approved.

Moving to next item on the agenda. Old and new business. Program Manger reported on the project that took place last week. The SSA 10 maintenance crew cleaned and removed all the weeds from the tree pits and with the help of the 15th Ward who provided a truck of mulch, we filled up the tree pits with mulch on 47th Street. The next project is to do Ashland Avenue from 49th Street to 42nd in the next coming weeks. Many of the businesses will benefit from this project and we hope they get motivated to bring out their tables, chairs and signage outside their storefront.

Craig Chico gave a brief update on the invest south/west project. Commissioner Cox is interested in being part of the round table discussion. Craig Chico mentioned that the BYNC has applied for the planner position.

Craig Chico announced that the BYNC has acquired the Aronson building and now has full site control.

Commissioner Cox asked about the BYNC annual Golf Outing. Craig Chico announced that the BYNC will be having the golf outing in October. Invitations will be out soon.

Commission Chavez asked since Fiesta Back of the Yards is cancelled for this year, is the BYNC planning to host an event to help fundraise money for the BYNC. Craig Chico replied that we have to keep following the guidelines on social distancing and not gathering a crowd of 50 or more people. Craig Chico mentioned that the BYNC applied for other revenue sources, therefore, the BYNC is financially secure for the rest of this year.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Carrasquillo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. First motion made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Kristen, voted on and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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