

SSA #10 Back of the Yards Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 12th, 2020

1:00 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

Vice-Chairwomen Terri Cox called the meeting of the SSA #10 Commission to order. Pursuant to the applicable law and Ms. Cox determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, this meeting is conducted by videoconference.

Vice-Chair asked the Commissioners to review the last meeting minutes from July 14th, 2020. First motion was made by Commissioner Kristen, seconded by Commissioner Chavez. All in favor and the meeting minutes are approved unanimously.

Vice-Chairwomen Cox asked Program Manager, Fabiola to report on the next item on the agenda. Fabiola presented the Commissioners with a summary of the Year-to-Date profit and loss worksheet. She explained why there were some unspent funds for 2020; the biggest reason was that we were unable to host two summer events due to the COVID pandemic. Vice-Chairwomen Cox asked if the unspent money will rollover or will it affect our budget next year? Fabiola replied that the funds will roll over for the following year and will not affect our budget; however we can increase the dollar amount on any program or services for 2021.

Moving on to the next item on the agenda. Program Manager, Fabiola recommended to do a Round 2 of the Small Business Economic Relief Grant. Program Manager states that the SSA can assist with a second round of grants of \$1,000 for approximately 30 businesses. The goal is to kick-off the second round before the end of the year. The relief grant will have similar requirements and restrictions as in the first round. Fabiola also stated that the funds would come from 1.02 Special Events.

Commissioners agreed with offering a round 2 of relief grants to the SSA 10 businesses.

Program Manager also reported that the plan to order planters for 2020 was put on hold until next year, however, decorative garbage cans have been ordered and should be ready to install either by the end of December 2020 or early January of 2021. She mentioned she ordered 10 garbage cans and the plan is to install five on 47th Street and five on Ashland Avenue where there is high foot traffic.

Chairman Carrasquillo joins the virtual meeting.

Moving to next item on the agenda, old and new business. Program Manger suggested that the SSA 10 do a safety program next year that would offer rebates to local restaurants that want to purchase safety covers or plexiglass for indoor dinning. Commissioner Kristen mentioned he can assist in getting quotes to compare prices. Vice-Chairwomen Cox also offered her help in getting few prices of plexiglass to help create the program for next year.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Carrasquillo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. First motion made by Vice-Chairwomen Cox, seconded by Commissioner Kristen, voted on and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

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