

SSA #10 Back of the Yards Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 11, 2021
10:30 a.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

Commission Absent

Salvador Benitez
Jerry Mazzei
Juan Martinez

Chairman Carrasquillo called the meeting of the SSA #10 Commission to order. Pursuant to the applicable law and Mr. Carrasquillo 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.

Chairman Carrasquillo asked the Commissioners to review the last meeting minutes from November 12th, 2020. First motion was made by Commissioner Kristen, seconded by Vice-Chairwomen 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 presented the Commissioners with a brief update on Round 2 of the Small Business Economic Relief Grant. She mentioned there were a total of 18 awardees that received the \$1000 grants. From those 18 awardees, 5 were new applicants and the rest were given a second grant. Program Manager mentioned that overall, this grant was very impactful to the businesses and majority utilized for payroll or bills.

Moving on to the next item on the agenda. Program Manager, Fabiola went on to discuss the 2021 Commission Meeting Schedule. She mentioned that there were two mandatory meetings, one in April for the Audits and in July to review and approve the 2022 Budget and Work Plan. Fabiola asked if anyone had any questions or concerns on the dates suggested for the meetings. No comments or concerns on the dates. Chairman Carrasquillo asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Schedule for 2021, Commissioner Kristen motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairwomen Cox.

Program Manager went on to review this year's scope of services. She mentioned that majority of the services will remain in place for this year unless we would find it practical to allocate some funding for COVID-19 program relief.

Chairman Carrasquillo asked for an update on the decorative garbage cans. Fabiola mentioned that the new garbage cans are in the warehouse but because of this week's severe snow blizzard, the installation had to be delayed.

Moving to next item on the agenda, old and new business. Program Manager announced that LISC Chicago is awarding 5 of our local businesses with a grant of \$2,500 on Round 1 this spring and in round 2, they will award 5 other businesses with \$2,500. The other 5 businesses will be identified in April.

Program Manager, Fabiola asked Vice-Chairwomen Cox if there were any new updates on the vacancies for Bishop Plaza. Vice-Chairwomen Cox replied that there is a new tenant for the plaza called "Aviva" and will start moving in by March.

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 11:05 a.m.

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