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SSA #10 Back of the Yards Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 7th, 2023

9:30am-10:30am

In-person

Commission Present

Emilio Carrasquillo, Chairman

Salvador Benitez

Lucas Kristen

BYNC Staff Present

Craig Chico, President

Michelle Ramirez, Corridor Manager

Maricruz Gaytan, Program Manager

Commission Absent

Terri Cox, Vice-Chairwoman

Juan Martinez

Chairman Carrasquillo called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

Chairman Carrasquillo asked the Commissioners to review the last meeting minutes from 7/11/23. First motion made by Commissioner Kristen, seconded by Commissioner Benitez. All voted in favor and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Moving on to review/coordinate 4th quarter projects/events, President Craig mentioned BYNC will be organizing a 5k run in the middle of October, exact date TBD. He stated that the plan for the race is to have it on a Sunday and it would start at 8am. Runners would start the race in the Stockyards and run through part of SSA #10, other organizations will also be encouraged to join the race as well as cheer on runners.



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Next item on the agenda old/new business, Craig spoke about Fiesta Back of the Yards. He mentioned the possibility of relocating Fiesta Back of the Yards due to several assaults happening during the festival. Other possibilities discussed were controlling the entrance, hiring more security for every entrance. Commissioner Kristen suggested checking bags when entering the festival and having to adapt to new changes made for everyone's safety. Program Manager Maricruz asked Commissioners for suggestions for two possible Commissioners. She explained that there are two vacant seats that need to be filled. Maricruz stated that it is preferable that people who are interested in becoming Commissioners are either business owners or employees from the corridor.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Carrasquillo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. First motion made by Commissioner Kristen, second by Commissioner Benitez voted on and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

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