

# SSA #22 andersonville

**Andersonville Special Service Area #22  
February 27, 2023  
5153 N Clark Street suite 228**

**Attendance: Mike Sullivan, Farah Essa, Nadeen Kieren and Pete Valavanis**

**Commission applicant: Xavier Zinninger**

**Absent Commission applicant: Marianne Candido**

**Commission Chair: Mike Sullivan Calls to order at**

**9:34AM**

Commission Chair: Mike Sullivan welcomes the commissioners, commission applicant, Xavier Zinninger and staff to the February 27, 2023 meeting hosted in person at 5153 N Clark Street suite 228. Ask anyone from the public to introduce themselves. No one from the public is in attendance so we continue with the review and approval of November 8, 2022 meeting minutes.

Approval of November 8, 2022 meeting minutes

**Vote**

**Commission Chair, Mike Sullivan asks for a motion to Approve November 8, 2022 Minutes. Nadeen Kieren motions and Pete Valavanis seconds the motion. All in favor. No one opposed.**

Financial report

**Vote**

Commissioners reviewed two sets of statements. The first being the balance sheet and profit and loss statements from the last quarter of 2022. As well as the balance sheets and profit and loss statements to date. Last quarter showed the weekly deposits from the city in late December. Working with DPD and our auditors, there will be a special workshop for allocating late collections to better advise this year's audit. SSA 22 will have paid back any money that was lent from the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce by March 1, 2023.

**Commission Chair, Mike Sullivan asks for a motion to Approve the Financial Report. Farah Essa motions and Pete Valavanis seconds the motion. All in favor. No one opposed.**

New Board President to be added as a check signer for SSA 22

**Commission Chair, Mike Sullivan asks for a motion to Approve the addition of ACC Board Chair, Searah Deysach, as an additional check signer for SSA 22. Pete Valavanis seconded the motion. All in favor. No one opposed.**

## Services report

**Customer Attraction** | Holidays in Andersonville went well and the district was programmed throughout the Holiday and as we have seen a lot of folks visiting the district we are looking to do a consumer survey to understand current spending trends for shoppers. This season we hosted the Andersonville Trolley, Winter Market, late night shopping, and the Holiday Guide. Light poles have been taken down this past week and the planters have been cleaned to get ready for spring.

| IDA Conference is set for the first week of October where the International Downtown Association will be headed to Chicago where different neighborhood will be providing tours to folks about economic development, sustainability efforts and community spaces.

**Public Way Aesthetics** | Holiday Lights and planters will have come down by Vivant and Patch Landscaping. Spring sprouts are already popping up.

| Rebate Programs have been updated with new language that states that a 25% The rebate that is granted will be the first installment and after a year of being in business the remainder will be given to the recipient. The Brown Elephant has submitted for the Facade Rebate Program looking to replace their current awning with an orange awning that would stretch the entirety of the storefront.

**Commission Chair, Mike Sullivan motions for the approval or denial of the Brown Elephant's Facade Rebate Application. No one in favor. All opposed. Application is denied based on not following the Andersonville Design Guidelines.**

**Sustainability & Public Places** | There is a new grant from the city that would help with long standing infrastructural changes that help with green infrastructure such as solar power.

| TerraCycle Smoker poles were introduced to the committee to be placed around the district to collect cigarette butts, ash, cellophane, and wrappers. Contents would be picked up by Cleanslate and sent to TerraCycle to be recycled. Ideal areas for these receptacles would be 12 placed throughout the district where bars and restaurants are located or major bus stops. This was an introduction and we will do more research to see if there is more interest in this project.

| Catalpa Public Space Project -Update. A committee has been formed and will have their first meeting to discuss the project and hear from CDOT. The committee has met and have come up with our suggestions on what we would like to be presented that is within the financial scope and what best represents Andersonville. A list of suggestions was provided for the commission.

| Clark Street Crossroads Project | Final draft is supposed to go to the City Council to be voted upon to solidify the Clark Street Crossroads Study. We have been interested in the removal of some of the recommendations and suggestions proposed by this plan as it has deleterious effects on the Business District. The discussion centers around the implementation of protected bike lanes as they have been misrepresented in the plans of the Clark Street Crossroads. The commercial corridor and the residential block club greatly depend on parking for folks and the removal of that will have a detrimental effect on businesses and our Historic District. This study has no reference to being engineered-led, sustainable, or any data on the economic impact that these bike lanes would have on businesses.

**Commission Chair, Mike Sullivan motions for not supporting the idea of protected bike lanes laid out in the Clark Street Crossroads Draft Study as it does not list a suitable alternative for parking, allow for deliveries or commercial parking for businesses, nor outlines adequate customer pick up/Curbside as it currently stands. Further studies need to be conducted that evaluate these**

**concerns and the economic impact that these structures have on adjacent businesses, residential, and tourism. Farah Essa seconds the motion. All in favor. No one opposed.**

**Economic & Business Development | 2024 Andersonville Study.** The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce would like to run the Andersonville Study that was previously conducted in 2004 where results lead to our activism for the importance of supporting local businesses. 20 years later we have the opportunity to redo the study with the same folks that ran the first study as well as some of the businesses that originally took the study. Commissioners are asked to review the study.

**Safety Programs |** Nothing new to report at this time

**Commissioners |** We are looking for a few more folks to join our Commission. We welcome Xavier Zinninger as an applicant and we are just waiting on the city of Chicago to hear when Marianne Candido's application will go before the City Council.

**Andersonville Chamber of Commerce Update |** Looking to Hire a Director of Marketing to continue to build our staff.

**With no further discussions**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 AM

**Future meeting dates:**

2023 Andersonville SSA #22 Meeting Schedule:

Monday April 10, 2023 3PM

Thursday May 10, 2023 9:30AM

Wednesday June 14, 2023 5PM

Thursday June 29, 2023 2PM

Wednesday September 6, 2023 9:30AM

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 2PM