

SSA #22 andersonville

Andersonville Special Service Area #22
August 30, 2022

Attendance: Mike Sullivan, Farah Essa, Frank Uhler, David Oakes, and Laura Austin. Nadeen Kieren

Absent: Pete Valavanis

Commission Chair: Mike Sullivan Calls to order at

9:37AM

Pursuant to the applicable law and my determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster caused by COVID-19, this meeting is conducted by videoconference.

Commission Chair: Mike Sullivan welcomes the commissioners and staff to the August 30, 2022 meeting hosted via zoom. 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 May 9, 2022 meeting minutes

Approval of June 3, 2022 meeting minutes

Vote

Mike Sullivan asks that the agenda be more flushed out to reflect minutes and corrects the date from the last meeting minutes from May 9th to June 3, 2022.

Commission Chair, Mike Sullivan asks for a motion to Approve June 3, 2022 Minutes. Farah Essa motions and Frank Uhler seconds the motion. All in favor. No one opposed.

Financial Update from the City of Chicago

Executive Director Laura Austin sent out an email prior to this meeting stating that the Property Tax is still stalled as the City of Chicago and the Assessors office continue to figure out the 2021 assessments and those filing property tax extensions. This is a problem across the city with all SSAs and impacts all organizations that rely on the funds such as public service, schools, and hospitals. The last update is that they are looking towards the end of the year to release funding. The Sole Service Provider, Andersonville Chamber of Commerce has loaned the SSA \$25,000m, and will loan to cover necessary maintenance of the district, so that the SSA does not need to take out a line of credit as is suggested by the City. Programming will be updated to reflect that payment. Payment will be delayed for any business applying for rebates until cash starts hitting the account again. Laura Austin did report that we did receive a \$40,941 TIF deposit this past week. No further deposits have come in.

Financial report

Vote

Executive Director Laura Austin and District Manager reviewed the Profit and Loss and the Balance sheets to date. There had been a delay in account information as the current accounts were in the process of being transferred to a new bank that purchased First Midwest. So far the communication and the process has been difficult. Mike Sullivan asks if we can transfer to a new bank as we are not holded to the newly purchased bank that the SSA has been using thus far. Executive Director, Laura Austin will look into North Side Federal and Wintrust for options to best service the SSA 22.

Commission Chair, Mike Sullivan asks for a motion to Approve the Financial Report, 2022 Minutes. Farah Essa motions and Frank Uhler seconds the motion. All in favor. No one opposed.

RFP 23

At the September Meeting we will review RFPs submitted. Since there has been difficulty with cash flow and costs increase there has been less folks looking into bidding on contracts and the contract holders for 2022 are looking into how to navigate this issue with the City of Chicago and the Assessors office. David Oakes has reached out to DPD to let them know that fewer folks are looking to bid for these reasons.

Services report

Customer Attraction | The 2022-23 Neighborhood Guide was released in June and is being distributed all over the north side of Chicago with the help of our distribution folks. This is the fourth edition of the newly redesigned guide and has been a success.

| Choose Chicago Tours have been happening since our neighborhood hit the Best of the US and second in the world by Time Out. We have had successful tours from folks from the UK to Mexico to Canada lead by business owners, community partners, and board members. This relationship has been incredibly maintained by David Rosenber PR who the ssa helps contribute to the marketing of the neighborhood.

| Special events calendar includes Andersonville Arts Weekend and ALL Holidays between October and the end of January. Andersonville Arts Weekend will take place September 30-October 2, 2022 and will host over 50 businesses and over 100 artists along the Clark Street Corridor. The Chamber will set up Headquarters in the new Bramble Arts Loft and host vendors at the Andersonville Artist Fête on 1500 W Catalpa that weekend. Holiday sign ups are now open!

Public Way Aesthetics | Landscaping has been a challenge this year due to the closure of City Grange due to a family emergency and watering. But we have secured a new company and have a RFP from Patch landscaping for next year's watering so it will be successful in the future. This year it was among myself, volunteers and a paid intern to water the planters with 5 gallon buckets of water which was a challenge for sure.

| Streetscape Elements have been updated south of Foster with the inclusion of the pavers lining the streets on Winona, Carmen and on Argyle in places where there was grass. This allowed for a new carriage walk and will follow up with native gardens and mulch were needed.

| 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. There are a few folks that are interested in applying for the facade rebate program and the discussion about available funds for applications was to accept their rebate after due process and distribute funds when cash flow is available again so that no one is at the disadvantage due to the City's issues. A suggestion was made to allow applications to be looked at and awarded as a first in first out bases.

Sustainability & Public Places | Catalpa Public Space Project -Update. The Ward offices and CDOT had a new survey be distributed to folks and it closed on September 1, 2022 as it stated, but really closed August 31, 2022.

| Clark Street Crossroads-Nothing New to report at this time.

Economic & Business Development | Megalytics Data pull for 2022. Please see presentation.
Safety Programs | Nothing new to report at this time

Commissioners | We are looking for a few more folks to join our Commission. We have a few folks interested and will meet with them to help answer any questions.

Andersonville Chamber of Commerce Update | The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce is looking to work with Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce to roll out a Health Care Plan Block that groups eligible members together to help provide them and their employees with affordable health care.

With no further discussions
10:31AM

Meeting Adjourned at

Future meeting dates:

2022 Andersonville SSA #22 Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, September , 2022, 10:30AM A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the next meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022, 5PM

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 2PM