

April 10, 2023

Attendance: Mike Sullivan, Farah Essa, Nadeen Kieren and **Commission applicant: Xavier Zinninger & Marianne Candido Absent Commission applicant: Pete Valavanis**

Commission Chair: Mike Sullivan Calls to order at

Commission Chair: Mike Sullivan welcomes the commissioners, commission applicant, Xavier Zinninger and staff to the April 10, 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 February 27, 2023 meeting minutes.

Approval of February 27, 2023 meeting minutes

Commission Chair, Mike Sullivan asks for a motion to Approve February 27, 2023 Minutes, Nadeen Kieren motions and Farah Essa seconds the motion. All in favor. No one opposed.

Financial report

Commissioners reviewed statements. The first being the balance sheet and profit and loss statements from the first quarter of 2023. We have had a healthy cash flow for the first quarter as property taxes were due April 3, 2023. We have been maintaining our contract services and snow removal was well below what we had budgeted for this past season. We will start to see spending increase as we head into warmer weather and landscaping begins and we finish the parkways for south of Foster.

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

Services report

Customer Attraction | Andersonville In Bloom |Our 2023 calendar of events is up and we are heading into some of the business event season we have to date. We are currently in Andersonville In Bloom where we highlight spring retail, dining and attractions, health and wellness, and services. We will have a series of clean ups and host a Andersonville Volunteer & Kids Activities Fair to bring community members together.

Renegade | Will be returning this year to north of Bryn Mawr in May. Although the Chamber is not a part of the event we support the vitality it brings to the community. Midsommarfest | Midsommarfest will be returning this year from June 9-11, 2023 for our kick off to the summer and we are very much looking forward to having a wonderful festival.

Sidewalk Sale | Andersonville Sidewalk Sale will continue to be the last weekend of July.

Vote

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3:01 PM

Rainbow Skate on Catalpa | Will return and movies in the parking lot. Last year it was a lot of fun and had folks from all over Chicago join us for the event.

Public Way Aesthetics | Spring is in the air. Viviant will be out to clean up planters for spring. We will work with Patch and local block clubs to get parkways cleaned up for the season. Litter Abatement will now be 5 times a week and we will monitor to see about six times a week based on customer traffic. *An aside conversation as many SSAs are going to be moving away from Snow Removal as the city will start taking it on. We will monitor and possibly continue with snow removal.

| Rebate Programs | Nothing new to report. There are no new applications

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 last meeting 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. David will make a map and plot out where the initial poles will go. Cleanslate will empty these receptacles for free as part of our contract. Nadeen Kieren suggested that we decorate Butt Boxes to distribute to folks picking up cig butts.

| Catalpa Public Space Project -Next Community Meeting is April 18, 2023 at St. Greg's Hall.

| Clark Street Crossroads Project | was published on March 16, 2023.Our SSA voted to oppose the project and stands firmly that there were major flaws and interest groups that steered the conception of the final plans. We will continue to work very closely with the project to help navigate the SSA and the business district for any impacts of the project.

Economic & Business Development | Andersonville Study | 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 .https://forms.gle/wJDjmet1TgJnykHp7

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.

With no further discussions

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 PM

Future meeting dates:

2023 Andersonville SSA #22 Meeting Schedule: 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