

**SSA Commission Meeting/ Special Service Area #60**  
**Tuesday, July 1, 2014**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**North River Commission Office**  
**3403 W. Lawrence Ave Ste. 201**  
**Chicago, IL 60625**

**SSA Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

**SSA Commissioners Present:**

Andrew Levin (Chair), Stephanie Fishel (Vice Chair), John Tunnell, Angela Bowman (Secretary), Frank Kern, Mir Naghavi, Saima Causevic, Jim Karagiannis (Treasurer), David Maletin

**North River Commission Staff Present:**

John Friedman (interim Executive Director), Duka Dabovic (SSA Administrator)/ Carla Agostinelli (Director of Economic Development), Rebecca Rico (Program Mgr and Office Manager)

**Other Attendees:**

Alex Tunnell, Anissa Wanat (resident), Roya Mehrnoosh (resident), Rey Colon (Alderman, 35th ward), Shelby Bremer (Rep. Andrade's office)

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Andrew Levin.

**Item:** This is a special meeting to approve a revised 2014 and 2015 budgets in light of the fact that the 2014 SSA tax levy is being decreased from \$423,368 to \$380,521. This will not affect services for this year, but affect the amount that we can carry over to the 2015 budget.

**Item:** Approval of revised 2014 budget

There was much discussion about reallocation of funds. Duka explained that it will be permitted to have power washing of the sidewalks done in 2014 but pay for it in 2015.

In addition to other changes we have to add snow removal to November-December of this year.

Angela moved and Jimmy seconded the approval of revised 2014 budget as reflected in the worksheet. Movement was unanimously approved.

**Item:** Approval of revised 2015 budget

Andrew Levin suggested cutting security from the budget as a way of making up the shortfall. Jimmy proposes looking for other ways to make up the funds.

There was much discussion about the value of security vs. other services, primarily those having to do with marketing, façade improvements, and the like. The commission agreed that they wanted to preserve security and reduce the funds for some of these other items. The group worked together to adjust these items line by line.

Website	\$2,400
Data Collection	\$2,000
Façade Enhancement Program	\$25,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	\$160,000
Awning Program	\$15,000
Signage Removal Program	\$24,132
Graffiti Removal	\$15,000
Sidewalk Power Washing	\$20,000
Bicycle Transit Enhancements (bike racks)	\$6,000
Economic Impact Study	\$1,000
Security Patrol Services	\$86,902

Jimmy left the meeting before the vote was taken.

Angela moved and David seconded the approval of the revised 2015 budget as recorded in the worksheet. The remaining commissioners unanimously approved the revised budget.

**New Business:**

**Item:** Andrew mentions the building at Kimball and Lawrence, saying that the property is a mess. Wonders if there's anything we can do. Carla agreed to call Alderman Deb Mell's office to look into the matter.

He also asked about the dollar store at Kedzie and Lawrence, which has a similar problem. Carla has already called about this one.

**Item:** Duka says that Clean Slate wants to reduce their work day by 45 minutes on Mondays and proposes adding a fifth worker to make up for the lost man-hours. Andrew would rather have the maximum number of hours, believing that visibility is important. Other commissioners do not share his concern.

Angela moved to approve the Clean Slate proposal. David seconded the motion. All commissioners except Andrew voted in favor. Andrew opposes.

**Adjournment:**

Andrew adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.