

Albany Park & Irving Park Special Service Area #60

May 7, 2014

5:00 P.M.

North River Commission Office
3403 W. Lawrence Ave Ste. 201
Chicago, IL 60625

SSA Commission Meeting Minutes

SSA Commissioners Present: Andrew Levin, Stephanie Fishel, Jim Karagianis, Angela Bowman, David Maletin, Frank Kern

SSA Commissioners Absent: Saima Causevic, Mir Naghavi, John Tunnell

North River Commission Staff Present: Duka Dabovic, Carla Agostinelli

Other Attendees: Joel Bookman, NRC Board; Casey Smagala, APCC; Eric Filson, APN; Shelby Bremer, State Rep Jaime Andrade

1. Call to order: SSA Commission President Andrew Levin called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Presentations by security companies: As requested by the Commission, two security companies were invited to present the services they offer for the Commission's consideration for service year 2015.

- Security Company Presentation 1: Luis Tigera and Dan Vega from Universal Security Group, LLC spoke about the fact that they recognize the importance and the need to improve the quality of life in the community. They would work closely with the SSA in developing flyers and brochures for the SSA as well creating safety workshops for businesses. Their proposal which was submitted previously prior to the approval of the 2014 budget calls to deter crime using a hybrid model increase visibility, which can be adjusted based on the SSA's needs during the year. They recommended four officers on foot or bike patrol for the Albany Park & Irving Park SSA for 4-8 hrs/day at 3-5 days/week. The security officers would wear uniforms with their own logo as well as the SSA's logo to denote that they are working for the SSA. The officers would be selected from a pool of officers who know the area (17th District). The officers also have access to CPD radio patrol to contact the 17th District, and can detain a perpetrator until the CPD officers arrive at the scene. Dan mentioned that pricing from the previous proposal would be coming down from \$32 to \$30/hour.
- Security Company Presentation 2: Jeff Rennenmeyer from Universal Security Inc. (separate company) presented on the types of services his company is able to offer. The officers from Universal Security Inc can wear a police uniform, but are not CPD officers. Jeff talked about the pricing which was listed at \$35/hr for off-duty police officers, \$25-30 for non-police/ex-military/retired CPD and \$5-6/hr for car patrols (gas and insurance). When asked about his recommendation on foot vs. car patrols, he noted that it really depends on the neighborhood, but was not able to provide a specific recommendation for the Albany Park & Irving Park SSA. His company is not able to detain anyone, but

can stay at the scene Andrew Levin asked about the possibility of having a retired officer who knows the neighborhood and also speaks Spanish; Jeff noted that Universal Security Inc. would be able to arrange that.

3. Approval of Minutes: Andrew Levin asked everyone to view the minutes from the April 2nd meeting. Jimmy Karagianis and Stephanie Fishel both requested that the spelling of their names be corrected. David Maletin made the motion to approve the minutes; Stephanie seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Financials: There were no updates to the April 2nd financials. Andrew Levin requested that the financials be formatted with a larger font and asked to have the loan balance included.

5. 2015 SSA Budget: Andrew Levin presented the proposed budget. He noted that the 2014 budget was originally put together by the SSA advisory committee in 2013 and that the SSA only has to spend 275,000, with a carry over 148,368 which is an anomaly and will not be occurring in the future. The 2015 budget, which includes the 2014 carry-over, will be \$571,736. A discussion was had on individual budget categories; main points from the discussion included the following:

- Power washing: Andrew Levin noted that he had a discussion with Duka and CleanSlate's staff and entertained the idea of completing one powerwashing in 2014 for which CleanSlate would be reimbursed after the Fall installment is received.
Vote: Angela Bowman made the motion to do powerwashing in 2014, David Maletin seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Security Services: David Maletin asked about the effectiveness of security patrols given the large area of the SSA district. Eric Filson from APN noted that that the 17th District has reallocated deployments and recommended having a conversation with CPD to determine where security might be most effective.
- Public Way Maintenance: Tree grates and mulch (33rd Ward). No increase from 4 days, leave as is unless we want to do alley. Check days during the summer.
- Bicycle Transit Enhancements: Jimmy Karagianis requested money be allocated for bike racks at the train stations. Stephanie Fishel brought up that Divvy might already be planning bike racks at these locations so the SSA might be competing for space.
- Facade Improvement Program: Andrew Levin recapped the April 30th LADCOR Facade Improvement Committee meeting which recommended to allocate at least \$25,000 for the program with a 50% rebate of cost, not to exceed \$1,000 per rebate.

6. New/Old Business: No new or old business.

7. Adjournment: Andrew Levin entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The motion was voted on unanimously.