

**SSA Commission Meeting/ Special Service Area #60**  
**Wednesday, October 22, 2014**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**North River Commission Office**  
**3403 W. Lawrence Ave Ste. 201**  
**Chicago, IL 60625**

**Meeting Minutes**

**SSA Commissioners Present:**

Andrew Levin (chair), Saima Causevic, Angela Bowman (secretary), Frank Kern, Stephanie Fishel (vice-chair), Jimmy Karagianes (treasurer), John Tunnell

**North River Commission Staff Present:**

Duka Dabovic (SSA Manager), Ryan Cowden (33<sup>rd</sup> Ward), Helen Slade (Territory Urban Design Team/NRC Arts & Culture Committee)

**Other Attendees:**

Carol Maher (resident), Tom Guagliardo (TRIP Board Member, owner of Tano's Pizza)

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Andrew Levin.

**Item: Minutes**

Answer to Angela's question from last meeting: how much money can we carry over in our first year? Duka says: no more than 25%, even in the first year (different from what we thought). We are currently budgeted to carry over \$92,000 (25%=\$95,000). So we'll have to keep an eye on this.

Angela moves to approve minutes; John seconds; all in favor.

**Item: Old Business**

**A. RFP Approval: Audit**

Duka showed the city requirements for the audit requirements, which will serve as the RFP. Saima moves to approve; Frank seconds; all in favor.

**B. RFP Approval: Powerwashing**

Commission made minor adjustments to RFP used by another SSA. All agreed that RFP would go out immediately so that companies can look at the sidewalks before it snows.

Jimmy moves to approve; Frank seconds; all in favor

**C. 2015 Schedule of meetings**

Duka proposed new meeting schedule.

Jimmy approves; Saima seconds; all in favor.

#### **D. Snow removal proposal review**

After discussion, group approves Clean Street proposal over Christy Webber. Contract approved as proposed by CS, but Duka is going to try to negotiate a better deal.

John moves; Frank seconds; all in favor

#### **E. Litter abatement proposal review**

Reviewed proposals from CleanStreet, Safer Foundation, and CleanSlate.

Proposal: go with CleanStreet, 6 days a week April-October costs \$58,011  
Jimmy moves to approve; Saima seconds; all in favor.

#### **F. Facade program/meeting update**

Meeting to take place Wednesday, October 29 at 1:00 pm. Report from that meeting will take place at the next meeting in November.

Jimmy brings up the TIF. It is going to be reopened in 2015 or 2016, which means they will start collecting tax money again. He has heard that we, the SSA, may be exempt from paying this money if we are already doing facade improvement.

#### **Item: New Business**

•Jimmy proposes having a committee (say, 3 people) to review proposals as they come in (for 2015). Andrew says let's put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **Public Input**

**Helen Slade:** architect, resident, runs Territory Urban Design team (a program to employ high school students as designers to help create safe public spaces). Here as a member of NRC Arts Committee. The committee had moved that they would contribute an arts element to the SSA. Helen represents the NRC arts committee *and* Territory to bring an arts element (for example, a bike rack).

Stephanie says we have a bike rack bucket, so we could pay for it out of that part of the budget. Asks Helen: when do you start planning for the summer? Helen says: we start planning now. Stephanie: we like this idea. Helen will take it back to the NRC arts committee and will come up with a proposal for us. All agreed that this can be on the agenda when she is ready.

**Adjournment:** Andrew adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.