

**Albany Park and Irving Park Special Service Area #60**  
**SSA Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 8 2017, 5:30pm**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Saima Causevic, Frank Kern, Tom Guagliardo

Renewing Commissioner, not confirmed: Andrew Levin, Stephanie Fishel

Residents/Business Owners in attendance: Carol Maher, Liz DeChant, Jeff Sobczyk, Joy Coomes, Hannah Moses, Rose Ocasio-Howe, John Howe, Arcenio Pomales, Cindy Kurman, Lee Barrie

NRC staff: Thomas Applegate, Duka Dabovic, Alexa Schutz

**Meeting called to order at 5:32pm.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed. Saima moved to approve. Tom seconded. All in favor. Renewing commissioners did not vote.

**Financials:** Financials were reviewed. Saima moved to approve. Tom seconded. All in favor. Renewing commissioners did not vote.

**New Business:**

- Presentation of the 2016 audit by Eilts & Associates.
  - No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements. Tom moved to approve. Saima seconded. All in favor. Renewing commissioners did not vote.
- Presentation and approval of 2017 façade applications
  - 3119-3115 W. Montrose – Masonry proposal for tuck-pointing. The commissioners want more beautification in addition to the repairs to the brick. Duka will respond to the owners.
  - 282 W. Montrose – Masonry proposal for tuck-pointing and new windows. Saima moved. Frank seconded. All in favor. Renewing commissioners did not vote.
  - 3559 W. Montrose – Repaint balconies and lower fencing. Tom moved. Saima seconded. All in favor. Renewing commissioners did not vote.
  - 4732 N. Kedzie – Front lit Channel Letter Signage LED. Saima moved to approved with a request to clean up hanging signs/banners on the fence and clean up landscaping. Tom seconded. All in favor. Renewing commissioners did not vote.
  - 3037 W. Montrose – Window replacement. Frank moved to approved with a request to reclad the top awning. Tom seconded. All in favor. Renewing commissioners did not vote.
  - 3241 W. Montrose – Window replacement, tuck-pointing and terra cotta tile repair. Tom moved. Frank seconded. All in favor. Renewing commissioners did not vote.
- Introduction of Montrose Pilot program proposal

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- Test to demonstrate how to strategically guide investment in 2017 along a select set of blocks on Montrose Avenue.
- The group will assess current planned investment by the SSA, 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward and the City and identify opportunities for improvements for 2017.
- Alexa will be presenting the output of ongoing meetings to the SSA Commission at the May 2017 meeting.

#### **Updates**

- April Tree Planting – In conversations with Christy Weber Landscaping. 30 trees, targeting Arbor Day planting.
- Security Camera Rebate Program – Have identified four suppliers that can provide packages to businesses. Applications are being accepted for up to a \$1,000 rebate. More than 10 businesses have already expressed interest.
- Flavors of Albany Park Restaurant Crawl – 5/24/2017 – Focused on Kedzie Ave and Lawrence with an after party at Golden Crust. \$30 per ticket. Volunteers and needed.
- Kurman Communications – Shared a draft press release.

#### **Public Input:**

- Carol asked what happens to the proceeds from Flavors of Albany Park. Thomas responded that the money is received by NRC to defray the cost that NRC spends on the event.
- April 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Take Out Tuesday promotion. Will continue until September 5.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:59pm

Next meeting is April 12 at the North River Commission offices @ 3403 W. Lawrence Ave, Suite 201.