

**Albany Park & Irving Park Special Service Area #60  
Commissioner Meeting  
Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
2933 W Montrose Ave**

SSA Commissioners present: Mark Aistrope, David Maletin, Stephanie Fishel, Tom Guagliardo, Saima Causevic

Community: Gina Munoz (33<sup>rd</sup> Ward), Hercan (33<sup>rd</sup> Ward)

NRC Staff: Duka Dabovic, Thomas Applegate, Alexa Schutz

**Meeting called to order at 5:45pm**

**1. Old Business:**

- a. Approval of minutes from July 11 meeting - Stephanie confirmed with Duka that event dollars are under Customer Attraction not Economic Development line items. David asked for refresher on Stephanie's comment on not wanting to brand the SSA in the past but there should be awareness of the SSA's doings since it needs to be re-upped. Motion to approve by David, seconded by Saima; all in favor.

**2. New Business:**

- a. Review and approval of 2018-2019 snow removal contractors' bids: Patch Landscaping & Tovar Snow Professionals
  - i. Discussion: review of pros and cons of Patch (existing contractor) and Tovar. Staff met with Tovar rep last week to discuss the RFP and their proposal. After historical review of last 4 years of snow fall, the two contracts on the table were a mere difference of a few hundred dollars based on past snowfall and potential rebates. Duka recommended Patch again for next year with a request for improved communication from Patch's dispatch team. David said why not try a new contractor; others voiced that Patch did a great job, is local and responsive.
  - ii. Motion to keep Patch as the snow removal contract for 2019: Motion to approve by Tom, seconded by Saima; all in favor.
- b. Facade review of 3001 W. Montrose: Commissioners do not see this project as meeting the purpose of the facade program since the public benefit of their proposed improvements is insufficient and the improvements do not contribute to the pedestrian level streetscape. They would like to see this repair be paired with an improvement to the sidewalk level storefront and not reward landlords for deferred maintenance. This application would not be reconsidered even if the funds for the facade project were not used up by end of the year as it is not competitive as it stands. Facade application for 3001 w. Montrose is not approved.

**3. Updates**

- a. Lot Jams: Marketing Committee met and is recommending to reallocate \$5,000 from 4.01 Public Relations to 1.02 Special Events for the Lot Jams end of summer concert series on August 16, August 30 and September 13. Thomas discussed program details, bands, partners, and more; NRC to ask the 33rd Ward for 4 barricades to use

for the event. Staff will flyer the area about the event to both businesses and residents.

- b. Staff referred attendees to the one-page document on upcoming Chamber of Commerce events.
- c. Personnel change: Duka will be leaving NRC at the end of the year, with Alexa stepping into his role as SSA program Manager. Thomas advised commissioners to contact him if you have comments, questions or concerns on Alexa transitions into the new role; we will use the next few months with Duka for cross-training and will hire a new person for Alexa's current role since it is fully funded.

**4. Public input**

**5. Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm**