

Albany Park and Irving Park Special Service Area #60
SSA Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 5:30pm

Commissioners in Attendance: Saima Causevic, Andrew Levin, Stephanie Fishel, Frank Kern, Mark Aistrophe, Tom Guagliardo, Hannah Saaydeh

Residents/Business Owners in attendance: Carol Maher, Jeff Sobczyk, Donald Ames, Colette Adams, Tony Ferreira

NRC staff: Duka Dabovic, Thomas Applegate, Alexa Schutz

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Stephanie moved to approve. Saima seconded. All in favor.

Financials: Financials were reviewed. Tom moved to approve. Stephanie seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Art Spot Box Proposal – Colette Adams presented concept of window display boxes containing fine art to be displayed from the interior of business store fronts displaying outward to the street. She is requesting funding at around \$500 each for two displays within the SSA. Andrew suggested doing an exclusive agreement for the SSA #60. The project has been deferred to the marketing committee for a recommendation.
- Kedzie Beautification Project – Alexa gave an update. Key priorities include banners, landscaping (planters), painting existing bike racks, garbage cans and remaining parking meters. Total budget is \$26k. The commission was divided on the branding as it's not cohesive with the Montrose pilot project. The commission decided to move forward since the project is already underway but before proceeding with any further beautification projects, a brand book/strategy will need to be developed to ensure consistency. Duka will determine if this will require an RFP.

Updates

- Montrose Beautification Pilot – Four benches, 19 bikes to be installed in the coming weeks.
- CleanStreet Report 2017 – 3,000 bags of trash were picked last year. Overall, the neighborhood is looking much cleaner. Andrew recommended that NRC to look into some kind of anti-littering campaign.
- Camera Rebate Program – Five projects were completed in 2017. More applications are coming in.
- Snow Removal – Patch landscaping has removed snow four times this season. 4 inches have fallen to date.
- Albany Park/Irving Park/North Park Map – Duka provided samples of the new map to release on February 8th.
- Flavors of Albany Park, June 20th – NRC is recommending that they assume the responsibility of recruiting businesses and work directly with Big Buzz this year to save

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\$5k in consulting fees. After much discussion, it was decided that the consultant is necessary to source support for such a significant event for the neighborhood.

Public Input: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17.

Next meeting is on February 7th at the North River Commission offices @ 3403 W. Lawrence Ave, Suite 201.