

Albany Park & Irving Park Special Service Area #60
Commissioner Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
3403 W. Lawrence Ave. Ste. 201

Commissioners present: Mark Aistrope, Andrew Levin, Stephanie Fishel, Tom Guagliardo

Public: Kareeshma Ali (Surge Coffee Bar + Billiards), Jeff Sobczyk (33rd Ward), Blaine Roberts (resident)

NRC Staff: Alexa Schutz, Thomas Applegate, Duka Dabovic

1. Meeting called to order at 5:47pm
2. Old Business:
 - a. **Approval of minutes:** 1st by Stephanie, 2nd by Tom; approved but Andrew abstained.
 - b. **Approval of financials:** 1st by Stephanie, 2nd by Andrew; all in favor.
3. New Business:
 - a. **2019 Budget Draft Review, for approval at June 6 meeting:** next meeting the budget will be officially approved and thus require quorum. New EAV gets update between June/July so some adjustments will be minor but coming nonetheless. Stephanie was concerned that special events at \$10k may be too low however Commission can move some funds around later in the year if need be. Mark raised the concern on snow removal funds for next year's budget; Duka to provide alternatives to reallocate funds to other line items.
 - b. **Facade Updates:** Sharabi Liquors facade application that was deferred was put in motion by Mark, 2nd by Tom; all in favor. will add three gooseneck lighting and has removed two flood lights. Stephanie recommended to contact the new owner of Brisku's for facade application. \$40k left in facade due to two projects being denied but projects in the pipeline.
 - c. **Branding & District Banner Discussion:** NRC leadership expressed his view that we need a banner program that businesses would like and thus sponsor. Stephanie said it is not a banner program and not a good use of the staff time to pitch the banner process and to let LimeRed to do the whole process. LimeRed would provide design standards for staff to then implement through the district. NRC staff will move forward with LimeRed's process to create a strategy for the district.
4. Updates
 - a. **Flavors of Albany Park event update:** thus far \$11,300 in both sponsorships and advertisements. Tickets available at flavors18.eventbrite.com. Posters and postcards have been printed and ready to disburse in community. Advertisement opportunities still available.
5. Public Input
 - a. Jeff advised 3057 W. Lawrence applied for incidental liquor license, so the 33rd Ward met with the business owner; after discussions, Ward submitted a letter of non-support that Alderman opposes their application.
 - b. Blaine seeking to get movement with the littering campaign posters.

Staff reminded commissioners that the next SSA meeting was moved to Wednesday, June 6 to meet the submission deadline for the 2019 Budget Draft.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49p