SSA Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2019

ATTENDEES

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

Staff present: Alexa Schutz, Thomas Applegate

SSA Commissioners absent: Andrew Levin, Kareeshma Ali, Stephanie Fishel

Meeting called to order at 5:36pm by Chair, Mark Aistrope.

Approval of minutes: 1st Maletin, 2nd Guagliardo; all in favor.

Approval of financials: 1st Guagliardo, 2nd Maletin; all in favor. Staff would like to create “dashboarding” for financials to help the Commissioners identify what needs to be addressed, changed in the future, or reviewed in more detail.

Facade Improvement Program: applications for approval (rebate amount)

- 3136 W. Montrose -- DMS Fit ($3,038) seeking backlit signage

Motion to approve: 1st by Guagliardo, 2nd by Causevic; all in favor with Maletin recusing himself (he is landlord), approved.

Updates on others and pipeline:

- 4549-53 N. Kedzie/3149-53 W. Wilson mixed use building -- facade review committee requires more information, large $20k project

- Dukan International Market -- pending app changes per commission; consultation with window merchandiser consultant

Bike and landscaping infrastructure: Schutz advised a nearby SSA working directly with the new city bike staffer Riley on identifying the quantity, style, and placement of bike racks in which Riley would come out and mark the locations in real time; SSA would pay for the racks but give responsibility to the city for install which means we would not have to pay for annual permit fees. Less control but overall cost-savings. Seeking on purchasing landscaping boxes that will fit on our narrow sidewalks on Lawrence and Kedzie near train.

Territory's PeopleSpot at Leland/Kedzie update: Schutz met with Helen since Territory is installing the PeopleSpot May 4th; Commission reviewed the architectural drawings and discussed past concerns with liability for PeopleSpot. Territory would own the structure and find it a place for
install and de-install (2) landscaping and (3) trash removal. After discussion, Commissioners advise to not support the install/de-install for liability concerns. Schutz to see if our existing trash removal contractor to service PeopleSpot since they are already on-site; pending quotes on landscaping yet for now will encourage her to handle plantings.

**Flavors of Albany Park 2019 updates:** Wednesday, June 19th from 6-9pm - save the date! While Tastes & Tours is approaching, conducting final restaurant recruitment and event sponsorship from local businesses. After-party to be at Surge Coffee Bar + Billiards, check-in at Noon-O-Kabab. Will be promoting Flavors to the Tastes & Tours of Albany Park participants (May 3-5).

**Select locations for next 3 meetings:** in an effort to have all of our meetings in the SSA district, the group decided on the following meeting places for May 8 (Tano’s Pizzeria), June 5 (Meeting Tomorrow), and July 10 (Surge).

**Public Input:** Schutz advised on someone getting a tattoo of our mural on Montrose which we discovered via Instagram!

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 8th at Tano’s Pizzeria. Help promote Tastes & Tours, year 3!