

**Albany Park & Irving Park  
Special Service Area (SSA) #60**

Commissioner Meeting  
Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019  
North River Commission, 3403 W. Lawrence

## **SSA Meeting Minutes: Oct 2, 2019**

### ATTENDEES

**SSA Commissioners present:** Mark Aistrope, David Maletin, Saima Causevic, Kareeshma Ali, Andrew Levin

**Staff present:** Alexa Schutz, Thomas Applegate

**SSA Commissioners absent:** Tom Guagliardo, Stephanie Fishel

**Guests/Public:** Chris Poulos (33rd Ward Chief of Staff), Carol Maher (resident)

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm by Chair, Mark Aistrope. **Quorum is achieved.**

**Approval of minutes:** 1st Levin, 2nd Causevic; all in favor.

**Approval of financials:** 1st Levin, 2nd Maletin; all in favor.

### **Facade Improvement Program: application review**

Strong applications still rolling in even late in the year. We will continue to approve projects for remaining 2019 funds as well as applications for 2020 for a head start into the new year (auditor says this is fine). As always, no matter what time of year they are approved, uncompleted projects spill into the following year. There will be a pipeline of apps for approval at our November meeting.

- a. 3215 W. Lawrence Ave, Honore Storage (rebate \$15,000)
  - 1st Levin, 2nd Maletin-- all in favor, approved.
- b. 3146 W. Irving Park Rd, Le Village Cowork (rebate \$6715)
  - 1st Levin, 2nd Ali -- all in favor, approved.
- c. 4219 N. Kedzie Ave, 2 flat just north of Sanabel Bakery (rebate \$7500)
  - DEFER - Commissioners seek more details on specs of doors/windows and proper visual mock up. Schutz to go back to applicant. This property has applied before but it is under new ownership.

### **Recap of Mosaic Albany Park Arts Fest: Sept 26-29th, community wide**

Now in its second year, to elevate our arts organizations and all forms of art in our district and businesses, Mosaic had 575 attendees across the weekend with over 35+ activities throughout the weekend from our kickoff party (150 people) to events around music, dance, storytelling, theater, comedy, art galleries, and River Fest. Estimated 60,000 impressions for marketing materials. Kickoff party was less attended by families due to competing, multiple school fundraising events. Unlike other community arts festivals that shut down a street, Mosaic intentionally drives customers into businesses by leveraging existing arts and curating new experiences.

### **Project Updates + Recap of Economic Development Meeting**

Applegate advised on the state of the gas station proposal at Kimball and Montrose where the existing 7-11 is. NRC staff have been on top of this and working with community members to organize based on community opposition to the gas station. Successful turn out at a community meeting on 9/11 with both 33rd and 35th Aldermen and the developer; 100% opposition for project. Furthermore, we had our NRC Membership Council meeting on economic development at the OSO Apartment building on 10/1 with 45+ attendees who learned about developments and new businesses in the community. Schutz to share the PPT used at that meeting. Schutz encouraged commissioners to come along for the 33rd Ward "business roadshow" to any of our 9 business stops for ribbon cuttings, introductions, support, and celebrations on 10/10 and 10/11.

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**Public Input**

- Thank you Tom Guagliardo! Motion to recognize Tom's service as Commission the last few years: 1st Maletin, 2nd Levin. Guagliardo has stepped down with his family's move to California and sold Tano's Pizzeria to a trusted staff member to carry on.
- Chris Poulos advised on the new process for 33rd ward for community driven zoning which has started. Developers must submit a packet of information if they seek a zoning change in which there will be a community meeting seeking support or opposition of such change and project - stay tuned on first community meeting.

Meeting concluded at 6:58pm.

The next SSA Commissioner meeting is at 5:30pm on **Wednesday, November 13 at Surge Coffee Bar + Billiards, 3241 W. Montrose**. The last SSA Commissioner meeting of the year is Wednesday, December 11 at Surge Coffee Bar + Billiards, 3241 W. Montrose at 5:30pm.