

Commissioners Present: Duke Miglin
Commissioners Absent: David Israel, Stan Razny, Rick Tannenbaum
Others in Attendance: Pam Farley, Oak St SSA Commissioner Candidate Gina Caruso (Oak St Council/The Lord Companies, L.L.C.), Robert Kearney, Alderman Reilly's Office; Anthony Ollman, President, Oak Street Council

Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Caruso called the meeting to order at 8:10am

2. Community Meeting for 2023 SSA Budget

- a. Caruso presented the one page summary of the budget increase, which included the levy analysis and major program funding priorities.

3. Public Input

- a. No public in attendance.

4. Approval of September 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- a. Deferred due to no quorum.

5. SSA Financials

- a. The SSA Commission reviewed the financials prior to the meeting. The Commission is continuing to monitor cash flow projections given the late second installment tax levy and is encouraging Oak Street Council to secure a working capital line of credit as a long-term solution. Caruso reported that BMO Harris is determining if they can issue a Government Procurement Card to the Oak Street Council. The cash on hand should be sufficient to meet the 4th quarter expense obligations. Caruso also is working with vendors on payment plans.

6. Safety & Security

- a. Caruso reported that the Chicago Police Department will have their holiday staffing program ready by mid-October. Caruso reported that the Cook County Sheriff's Office committed to providing enhanced patrol November 1 – January 1. The Cook County Sheriff's Office has a Hireback program whereby the Oak Street Council could hire off-duty officers on foot or in cars. Caruso submitted the request for consideration, scope, price and timing. Caruso reported that the Cook County Sheriff's Office stated they could take a considerable amount of time to process the request, perhaps missing the holiday patrol window for Oak St.
- b. Caruso reported that both guards and officers of HLSA, a vendor that submitted a proposal to the holiday security RFP, have the power to detain. Next step is to set a Special Meeting of the SSA Commission to decide on scope and cost from HLSA.
- c. Kearney reported that Ald. Reilly's office funded the 5 new license plate reader (LPR) cameras that are pointed on Oak St and positioned at Michigan and Rush.

7. SSA Holiday Decorations & Snow Removal

- a. Caruso reported the holiday decoration contract is signed and includes an improved and expanded song list. Ollmann and Caruso are coordinating this scope with the vendor.
- b. Caruso reported the zero tolerance snow contract is signed. Next step is to create a group text to communicate with the vendor on snow incident performance.

8. Strategic Planning

- a. Kearney reported that CDOT still plans to do the street resurfacing on Oak St. before the November 18 holiday moratorium. The entire street will be resurfaced.
- b. Caruso opened discussion on the condition of the sidewalks. Caruso reported the SSA will fund pressure washing once the street resurfacing and utility work/spray painting is concluded in November. Caruso inquired with Kearney about the City's 50/50 Sidewalk Program as a possible solution to make the sidewalks consistent in color and age. Kearney stated he will help watch the program's one-day application window opening in January and assist the Oak Street Council in determining whether the Oak Street Council can apply on behalf of all of the eligible landlords. Caruso also reported that the SSA Commission is seeking options for long-term sidewalk improvements with other materials such as pavers.
- c. Caruso reported she discussed the three signature event concepts with Jeff Battin of Intersport. Battin thinks these are good concepts and is willing to discuss scope/price/timing further with Oak St. leadership in October.
- d. Caruso reported the Oak Street Meet & Greet RSVP is approx. 37 people and Ollmann will serve as host as the Oak Street Council president.

- e. Caruso reported she is working to get the former domain name login credentials so that the Oak Street Council can unlock it's access for the public and either close it down or rebuild it.

9. New Meeting Business

- a. None.

10. Next Oak St SSA Commission Meeting New Meeting Business

- a. Tuesday, November 8th – virtual only

11. Adjournment

- a. 9:00am

Minutes Submitted By: Gina Caruso, SSA Program Manager
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