

ROSELAND SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (SSA71)

REGULAR MINUTES of SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #71

Tuesday August 8th 2023

In Attendance:

Andrea Reed

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Sheilah Stevenson CAIC

Acting Commissioner Jerry Fort Business Owner

Acting Commissioner James Park Business Owner

Acting Commissioner Gloria Cosey

Sheilah Stevenson CAIC/SSA Program Manger

Meeting call to order: General meeting of the SSA#71, In-Person at US Bank 4th floor 1000 E 111th Street, Chicago IL 60628 on Tuesday August 8th 2023. The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m. Sheilah Robinson SSA Program Manager presiding.

Public Comment- There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Agenda and Minutes

No corrections or additions to the agenda or minutes. Gloria Cosey motioned to approve the SSA 71 Commission meeting minutes from Tuesday June 13th 2023. Seconded by Andrea Reed; motion carried.

Financial Report: Sheilah Robinson provided the commissioners with a copy of the following bank reconciliation for the months of January- July 2023. All financial position statement as well as the revenues and expenses for the months were carefully reviewed and discussed. As of July 31st 2023 SSA71 ending is \$131,700.73. A motion to approve the all reconciled statement Financial Reports was made by James Park, seconded by Andrea Reed. Motion carried.

2023 Work Plan Reports by Sheilah Robinson

1.0 Customer Attraction: Special Events

June: Juneteenth 16th 2023 hosted at 112th Michigan 85 people including our local Community organization, businesses, churches, block clubs, and local representatives attended to celebrate cultural, and education with food, games and our 5th District Police Office “DJ Mark DJ for the event.

July: “Every Little Bit Hurts” Champaign. All stores were ask to participate by posting signs. Streets and Sanitation Ward Superintendent went out door to door making sure all businesses were in compliance. Yard signs were put out through the business district.

August: Adopt a Lot is a program. City-owned vacant lots and transform them into community-serving public spaces. The program is a collaboration with SSA 71, Invest Southwest, DCASE, CDOT, and Main Street. We collective chose 11252 S Michigan Ave.

September: On September 30th 2023. Pullman National Historical Park, Amazon and Equiticity sponsored the program. We over 25 volunteers to help cleanup, cut grass, cut weeds and plant flowers.

2.00 Public Way Aesthetics: Sheilah Robinson has been attending community meeting host by CDOT for Michigan Ave Streetscape program due to start in 2024. She informed the Commissioner that CDOT will be putting out new Way finding signage and planters. The Commissioner ask how can we move funds in the budget for 2024 for planters to a new line item.

20.3 Façade Rebate Program: Sheilah Robinson received four application for the program.

- Boost Mobile 330 E 103rd Street: Storefront Security Gates (Rolling)
Waiting for receipt of payment
- Jazzy Nettie Hair Salon 314 E 103rd Street: New Awning:
Waiting for her three quotes
- Tru Blabes Barber Shop 131 E 103rd Street: Business Identification Signage.
Have not received approval from building owner
- Power Fitness Chicago 10903 S Michigan Ave Business Identification Signage
Has city debt (Water Bill)

3.00 Sustainability and Public Places: Sheilah Robinson announced that SSA 71 Annual Shredding and Recycling Events may have to be moved to a new location, because the old location at 449 E 103rd Street lot has been sold. New Location and dates are as follows:

- Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding
September 23rd 10:a.m. 2: p.m.
11516 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL
- Resource Fair
October 12th 2023 10:a.m. -2: p.m.
10355 S Woodlawn
Electronic Recycling, Paper Shredding and City Resources

4.00 Economic/ Business Development:

- Sheilah Robinson reported that the Economic/ Business Development Team (Donald Higgins Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives (CNI) and Officer Gomez from 5th District abandoned building). Has identified 30 vacant buildings, 19 City owned vacant lots, 20 private owned vacant lots throughout SSA 71 business district. In 2024 Letters will be mailed out to owners if the building has not been registered and maintenance according to City of Chicago ordinance.
- Rosemoor community is displeased about new gas station plans for 506 E. 103rd Street aren't going over well with residents who are organizing to stop it from opening. Neighbors living near the site say it makes little sense to build another gas station when there's a Citgo station a block away. Residents are organizing to protest. They are asking for the Commissioners support.

5.00 Public Health and Safety Programs: No Reporting for this meeting

New Business

There was no new business.

Next Meeting Date: SSA #71 Board of Commissioners September 12th 2023

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Sheilah Robinson