

ROSELAND SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (SSA71)

REGULAR MINUTES of SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #71 Tuesday October 10th 2023

In Attendance:

Andrea Reed
Undra Ware
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

Public in Attendance:

Godfrey Lawson Rosemoor Community
Maria Azlor-Zas – Imperial Motel
David Andersen – Welding Shop
Salwa Rafati –Khalil’s Food and Liquor
Kathy Gwin – The Laundry Bag
Tracy Murray North Pullman

5th District CAPS Business Liaison

Officer Samantha Smith

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 October 10th 2023. The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. Andrea Reed SSA Program Manager presiding.

Reading and Approval of Agenda and Minutes

No corrections or additions to the agenda or minutes. James Park motioned to approve the SSA 71 Commission meeting minutes from Tuesday September 12th 2023. Seconded by Andrea Reed; motion carried.

Public Comment

- Kathy Gwin owner of The Laundry Bag on 103rd Street stated that her concern is the two properties next door to her 4 & 10 E 103rd Street. The property building being vacant for years and the owner has abandons the basic responsibilities of upkeep. She said that neither properties can be leased or rented because of the conditions they are in, and suffer from neglect. Ms. Gwin other concern rats. Rats head for quiet buildings that will provide shelter for them to nest and breed. Vacant properties can be very tempting for rats and other rodents. Vacancy reduces the assessed value of surrounding properties, which generally reduces the property value.
- Salwa Rafati owner of Khalil’s Food and Liquor asked if we had an information on Hill Top Liquor at 10259 S Michigan. He also wanted to know if the store was going to reopen or be sold. Has next question was can liquor license transferring ownership.
- Maria Azlor-Zas owner of the Imperial Motel commented on the vacant property’s environmental Risks. He stated that several environmental risks are associated with all types of vacant properties. Older buildings may have existing asbestos insulation and tiles, as well as lead paint and lead piping. Poor maintenance, concrete cracks, dilapidated roofing, clogged sewer pipes and broken sprinkler systems can result in water intrusion and mold growth. He also asked what qualify a property to be on Chicago demolition list.
- David Andersen owner of the Welding Shop told us that he was selling the business, but not the property, to another welding shop and he would like for the new owner to start attending the meeting. He would make sure that the new owner has Sheilah Robinson contact information.

Follow up on Public Comment: Sheilah Robinson is to schedule a meeting with Officer Gomez CPD Abandon Building and 8 Division ward Streets and Sand Superintendent to review and address Property Owners concerns. She is to reschedule another meet with Commissioners and Property Owners to present follow up findings.

Financial Report: Sheilah Robinson provided the commissioners with a copy of the following bank reconciliation for the months of September 2023. All financial position statement as well as the revenues and expenses for the months were carefully reviewed and discussed. As of September 30th 2023 SSA71 ending is \$150,263.07. A motion to approve the all reconciled statement Financial Reports was made by Andrea Reed, seconded by James Park. Motion carried.

2023 Work Plan Reports by Sheilah Robinson

1.0 Customer Attraction:

October Special Events: SSA will partner with the 5th District CAPS Office for the Halloween and coat giveaway on October 31st 2023 at the Police station in the community room. The theme for this year is “Lay Crime to Rest” SSA will be sponsoring the outdoor tent for the event. A 20X20 with sidewall for two day at the cost of \$566.10.

2.00 Public Way Aesthetics: Sheilah Robinson is continuing to attended community meeting for Michigan Avenue Streetscape host by CDOT for 2024. The community has agreed upon new wayfinding signs and sidewalk pavers. The Community meeting and agenda covered, Introduction and Recommendations, Michigan Ave and 111th Street Strengths & Challenges, Existing Conditions and Pedestrian Destinations & Context. She encourage the Commissioner to go on CDOT’s website to see the plans for Michigan Ave and 111th Street.

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

- Boost Mobile 330 E 103rd Street: Storefront Security Gates (Rolling)
He submitted receipt and payment of security gates, and was reviewed and approved by the committee for payment. Sheilah Robinson said she submitted the invoice to CAIC accountant for payment.
- Jazzy Nettie Hair Salon 314 E 103rd Street: New Awning:
Has submitted her three quotes and the application has not been reviewed and approved by the committee for payment.
- Tru Blabes Barber Shop 131 E 103rd Street: Business Identification Signage.
Still have not received approval from building owner, bur a meeting with the owner has been scheduled. The owner would like to see the drawing before he approves the work to be done.
- Power Fitness Chicago 10903 S Michigan Ave Business Identification Signage
He still has not cleared up his city debt (Water Bill)

3.00 Sustainability and Public Places: Sheilah Robinson reminded everyone about the following events

- Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding on September 23rd was a big success, breaking records from the past events for number of participants, pounds of e-waste collected, and pounds of paper collected for shredding.
- Resource Fair Reminder
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 (CNI and Officer Gomez from 5th District abandoned building) has finished drafting the letter address to property and business owners regarding Chicago ordinance. Before mailing a copy will be emailed to the Commissioners for approval before mailing.
- New Gas Station: Sheilah Robinson reported no new information on the gas station, but construction is still moving forward.
- Rosemoor community/Chicago CRED: The meeting with Rosemoor Community and Site Supervisor at Chicago CRED 103rd Street went very well. They were not aware of the activity taken place late night in parking lot. Godfrey Lawson Rosemoor resident showed a video of the activity and they were very surprised and unhappy with what they saw, and agreed to address and make correction immediately.

New Business

Tracy Murray Regional Business Coordinator spoke on CAIC applying for the Small Business Storefront Activation Program and how this would work for Michigan Ave business owners. She explained that through this program, property owners will be able to build relationships with potential tenants, and entrepreneurs will have the ability to access pop-up space in prime locations and explore new markets.

Next Meeting Date: SSA #71 Board of Commissioners November 14th 2023

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Sheilah Robinson