

**Uptown SSA #34
Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 19th 2023 | 4:30pm
Uptown United Office
4619 North Broadway**

Commissioners Present: Terry Tuohy (*Chair*), Matthew Ruffi (*Treasurer*),
Noreen Keeney (*Secretary*), Kelly Cheng, Winston Feng, Nick Pinto,
Lesley Showers, Karl Sullivan
Commissioners Absent: Patti Hutzel (*Vice-Chair*), Cam Ngan Hoang, Dominic Irpino,
David Rettker,
Others in Attendance: Justin Weidl (*Uptown United*)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Tuohy called meeting to order at 4:34pm.

2. Public Input

- a. None

3. Approval of Minutes

On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

Motion to accept August 15th minutes.

Motion: Cheng

Second: Ruffi

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.
- i. Cook County tax bills will be released late again this year. Weidl has discussed delayed payments with Cleanslate to offset the late tax collection deposits.

5. 2024 Landscape Maintenance RFP Review

- a. Weidl shared the 2023 contract with Moore Landscapes and the RFP that was released in 2020. Weidl suggested releasing an RFP for 2024 services.
- i. Weidl to release RFP and present proposals at October meeting.

6. 2024 Litter, Graffiti, and Snow Removal RFP

- b. Weidl shared information related to the potential 2024 contract with Cleanslate.
- i. Weidl to renew contract with Cleanslate if existing services can be met under budget.

7. Curb Appeal Rebate Program

- a. Weidl presented a rebate request from The James on Sheridan for new parkway fencing and to restore existing property line fencing.

Motion to approve rebate request:

Motion: Cheng

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – Tuohy, Keeney, Cheng, Feng, Pinto, Sullivan

Oppose – Ruffi, Showers

Motion Passes.

- b. Weidl presented a rebate request from First Dental Center for a new awning.
 - ii. Application to be tabled until January 2024 when program funding is available.

8. Security Rebate Program

- a. Weidl presented a rebate request from In-On Thai for a security camera system.

Motion to approve rebate request:

Motion: Showers

Second: Ruffi

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

9. PR / Media Relation Budget

- a. Tuohy recommended releasing and RFP for PR / Media Relations services to promote the neighborhood and neighborhood events through the rest of 2023.
 - i. Weidl to present proposals at the October meeting.

10. 2024 Public Art Budget

- a. Next Weidl presented a concept to paint two large murals on walls facing the Aragon parking lot as part of Uptown Art Week 2024.
 - i. Tuohy recommended holding bi-weekly Uptown Art Week meetings.
 - ii. Weidl to schedule.

11. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 4619 North Broadway at 4:30pm.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:01pm:

Motion: Ruffi

Second: Showers

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes.

Minutes Submitted By: Justin Weidl, *Director of Neighborhood Services*