Uptown SSA #34 Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14th 2024 – 4:30pm Uptown United Office 4619 North Broadway

Commissioners Present: Terry Tuohy (Chair), Matthew Ruffi (Treasurer), Noreen Keeney (Secretary),

Dominic Irpino, Karl Sullivan, Lesley Showers

Commissioners Absent: Patti Hutzel (Vice-Chair), Kelly Cheng, Winston Feng, Nick Pinto,

David Rettker,

Others in Attendance: Justin Weidl (Uptown United), Denise Keim (Chicago Center for Photojournalism)

Welcome and Call to Order

a. Tuohy called meeting to order at 4:36pm.

2. Public Input

a. None

3. Approval of Minutes

On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

Motion to accept January 9th minutes.

Motion: Ruffi Second: Irpino VOTE: Approve – All Motion Passes.

4. Budget and Financial Report

a. Weidl presented a financial report.

i. 1st installment of Cook County tax bills have been released.

ii. Balance Sheet and Budget v Actuals looks healthy for this time of year.

5. Security Rebate Program

a. Weidl presented a rebate application from First Dental (4108 N Sheridan Road).

Motion to approve rebate for First Dental.

Motion: RuffiSecond: KeeneyVOTE: Approve – AllMotion Passes.

6. Curb Appeal Rebate Program

 Weidl presented a rebate request from Sheridan Winona Condo Association (5057-59 N Sheridan Road).

Motion to approve rebate for Sheridan Winona Condo Association.

Motion: Irpino Second: Keeney VOTE: Approve – All Motion Passes.

b. Weidl presented a rebate request from Marina's Bistro + Rum Bar (4554 North Magnolia).

Motion to approve rebate for Marina's contingent upon Weidl receving a second competitive

quote that is reasonable.

Motion: RuffiSecond: KeeneyVOTE: Approve – AllMotion Passes.



7. Strategic & Master Planning

Weidl presented information on a strategic plan for Clifton Avenue and the grass triangle located at 4753 North Broadway.

Motion to approve \$5,000 budget for a strategic plan for Clifton Avenue and grass triangle.

Motion: Ruffi Second: Keeney **VOTE:** Approve – All Motion Passes.

Weidl presented information on a master plan for the CTA-owned parcel adjacent to the new Argyle CTA station.

Motion to approve \$5,000 budget for a master plan for the CTA parcel.

Motion: Keeney Second: Irpino **VOTE:** Approve – All Motion Passes.

8. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented an application from Chicago Center for Photojounalism for a mural background and community photography project.
 - Ruffi suggested that Weidl discuss the project with the applicant to determine if the project can be achieved without the mural background.
- Weidl presented an application from Elim Wig for a façade mural.
 - Showers suggested that Weidl suggest a financial contribution from the business
- Weidl presented an application from Erik Peterson for sculptures near Lawrence/Broadway.
 - Ruffi suggested that the applicant secure additional funds from another source.
- Weidl presented an application from Joe Miller for a sidewalk mural restoration d.
 - Tuohy suggested the applicant provide a quote for more indutrial paint.
 - Weidl presented an application from Russell Muits for tree grate murals

Motion to approve \$10,000 budget for Russell Muits for tree grate murals.

Second: Showers Motion: Irpino **VOTE:** Approve – All Motion Passes.

- Weidl presented an application from Beauty & Brawn for a mural at 4710 N Sheridan Road
 - Ruffi suggested that Weidl discuss the price point with the applicant.

9. Agryle Street Placemaking

- Weidl presented a placemaking project utilizing window clings for 5009 N Winthrop Avenue.
 - Tuohy recommended asking the property owner to share the cost of the window clings.

10. Next Meeting

a. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at 4:30pm

II. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Justin Weidl, Director of Neighborhood Services