

Uptown SSA # 34  
Advisory Commission  
Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 - 4:30pm  
Uptown United Office  
4619 North Broadway

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Tuohy called meeting to order at 4:37pm.

2. Public Input

- a. Todd Allen Israel introduced himself and shared his interest in becoming an SSA Commissioner.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Quorum was not reached - minutes for April 16<sup>th</sup> will be presented on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.  
i. 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Cook County tax bills have been collected and recieved.  
ii. Balance Sheet and Budget v Actuals looks healthy for this time of year.

5. 2025 Draft Budget

- a. Weidl presented a draft 2025 budget.  
i. Graffiti Removal funds could be shifted to fund PR/Media Relations for a full year.  
ii. Sidewalk Maintenance funds could be reduced in order to fund a vacant storefront activation program.  
1. Cheng recommended reducing sidewalk maintenance to a crew of 3 during the winter and maintaining a crew of 4 during the summer.

6. 2024 Audit Report Proposals

- a. Weidl presented three audit proposals.  
i. Quorum was not reached – 2024 auditor will be selected on June 25th, 2024.  
ii. Weidl will re-send RFP and extend deadline for proposals.

7. Security Rebate Program

- a. Weidl presented a rebate request from Institute of Cultural Affairs (4750 N Sheridan Road).  
i. There were no objections to approving the application for \$2,500.

8. Curb Appeal Rebate Program

- a. Weidl presented a rebate request from Qideas (1134 W Argyle Street).  
i. There were no objections to approving the application for 42% of expenses.  
b. Weidl presented a rebate request from CMAA (1016 W Argyle Street).  
i. There were no objections to approving the application for 42% of expenses.





### 9. Community Event Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a grant request from Voice of the People for a Juneteenth Jubilee at Truman
  - i. There were no objections to approving the application for \$500.

### 10. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented an application from River Eoghan Design for Flower Crown Building
  - i. There were no objections to approving the application for \$1,000.
- b. Weidl presented an application from Make & Co. for a Poster Wall Mural.
  - i. There were no objections to approving the application for \$3,500.
- c. Weidl presented an application from Studio W.I.P. for a spray paint workshop.
  - i. There were no objections to approving the application for \$2,250.
- d. Weidl presented an application from Molly Z for a Make & Take Art Experience.
  - i. There were no objections to approving the application for \$4,000.
- e. Weidl presented an application from Maker Squad for a mural at the McJunkin Building.
  - i. There were no objections to approving the application for \$3,500.

### 11. Entertainment District Window Graphics

- a. Weidl presented a placemaking project utilizing window clings for 1005 W Lawrence Avenue.
  - i. Tuohy recommended reviewing this project on June 25th, 2024.

### 12. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

### 13. Adjournment

*Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.*

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

