

Tuesday, June 25th 2024 - 4:30pm
Uptown United Office
4619 North Broadway

Commissioners Present: Terry Tuohy (*Chair*), Matthew Ruffi (*Treasurer*), Noreen Keeney (*Secretary*), Kelly Cheng, Dominic Irpino, David Rettker, Lesley Showers,
Commissioners Absent: Patti Hutzel (*Vice-Chair*), Winston Feng, Nick Pinto, Karl Sullivan,
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 4:34pm.

2. Public Input

- a. Todd Allen Israel expressed that he would like to see a focus on maintenance of existing items over the introduction of new items into the public realm, particularly replacing torn and faded banners.
 - i. Weidl to schedule meeting with Israel to identify highest priority items.

3. Approval of Minutes

On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

Motion to accept April 16th minutes.

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Rettker

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes**

On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

Motion to accept May 21st minutes.

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Ruffi

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

5. 2025 Work Plan, Budget, and Uptown United as Sole Service Provider

- a. Weidl presented a 2025 Work Plan and Budget.
 - i. Tuohy commented that Uptown United has done a wonderful job.
 - ii. *Motion to approve 2025 Work Plan, Budget, and Uptown United as Sole Service Provider*
Motion: Ruffi **Second:** Irpino
VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes.**





6. 2024 Audit Report Proposals

- a. Weidl presented four (4) audit proposals.

Motion to accept proposal from Bravos & Associates.

Motion: Rettker **Second:** Ruffi

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes**

7. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented an application from Kyle Brand for a mural 4612 N Clifton Avenue.

Motion to accept public art grant proposal from Kyle Brand.

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Ruffi

VOTE: Approve – Tuohy, Ruffi, Keeney, Cheng, Irpino, Showers
Oppose – Rettker **Motion Passes**

8. Community Event Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a grant request from Friends of Brenneman for a Buena Blooms event.
- i. Ruffi noted that the budget shows a potential net revenue of \$9,575 and the SSA Commission does not use tax dollars to contribute to fundraisers.
 - ii. Rettker noted that nearly all the event locations are outside of the SSA boundary.
 - iii. Showers noted that with an anticipated attendance of 250 people, a grant of \$1,000 would equate to \$4.00 a person and community event grants typically range from \$1.00 - \$2.00 per person.

Motion to accept community event grant proposal from Friends of Brenneman.

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Ruffi

VOTE: Approve – None
Oppose – Ruffi, Keeney, Cheng, Rettker, Showers
Abstain – Tuohy, Irpino **Motion Fails**

9. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th at 4:30pm

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.

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

