

**Tuesday, January 14th 2025 – 4:30pm
Uptown United Office
4619 North Broadway**

Commissioners Present: Kelly Cheng, Dominic Irpino, Todd Allen Israel, Nick Pinto,
Lesley Showers, Karl Sullivan

Commissioners Absent: Terry Tuohy (*Chair*), Patti Hutzel (*Vice-Chair*), Matthew Ruffi (*Treasurer*),
Noreen Keeney (*Secretary*)

Others in Attendance: Justin Weidl, Sarah Wilson, Andy Pillman

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Cheng 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 December 10th minutes.

Motion: Israel

Second: Irpino

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes

4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.
 - i. Balance Sheet and Budget v Actuals looks healthy for this time of year.
 - ii. 2024 tax collections are approximately \$30,000 short.

5. 2024 Budget Modification

- a. Weidl presented a 2024 Budget Modification that would properly align administrative expenses in the 6.0 and 7.0 categories. Total administrative expenses remain the same.

Motion to accept 2024 Budget Modification as presented.

Motion: Cheng

Second: Showers

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes

6. Security Rebate Program

- a. Weidl presented an application from Chicago Fair Trade (4704 North Broadway) for a new door buzzer system.

Motion to approve application from Chicago Fair Trade.

Motion: Sullivan

Second: Cheng

VOTE: Approve – All

Motion Passes

- b. Weidl presented an application from Uptown Taproom (1265 W Wilson Avenue) for a new vestibule door system.



Motion to approve application from Uptown Taproom.

Motion: Irpino **Second:** Cheng

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes**

7. 2025 Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a grant application from Liz Flores to restore two murals, one on Clifton Avenue and the other at Ainslie and Broadway.
 - i. Sullivan recommended tabling this item until later in the year.

8. 2025 Community Events Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a grant request from the Uptown Chamber of Commerce for the Winter Walk on Wilson.

Motion to accept \$5,000 grant request from Uptown Chamber of Commerce.

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Irpino

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes**

- b. Weidl presented a grant request from Haibayo for Lunar New Year streetscape décor.
 - i. Cheng recommended funding half of the request to cover a majority of the material costs and that the décor be funded from Argyle Streetscape Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve a \$2,500 grant for Haibayo.

Motion: Cheng **Second:** Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All **Motion Passes**

9. Banner Program

- a. Weidl presented a grant request from Eddie Oppong to collaborate with local schools to design a light pole banner.
 - i. Irpino requested more details on days and hours spent at which schools.

10. Storefront Activation

- a. Weidl presented a request from JC Rivera to activate a storefront at 1109 W Lawrence.
 - i. Irpino requested more information.

11. Litter Abatement Program

- a. Weidl provided an update on the new litter abatement crew.
 - i. Showers requested a quote for the crew to empty trash receptacles.

12. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.

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