

Tuesday, November 18th 2025 – 4:30pm
Uptown United Office
4619 North Broadway

Commissioners Present: Terry Tuohy (*Chair*), Patti Hutzel (*Vice-Chair*), Matthew Ruffi (*Treasurer*),
Noreen Keeney (*Secretary*), Kelly Cheng, Rosa Gamboa, Dominic Irpino,
Todd Allen Israel, Nick Pinto, Lesley Showers
Commissioners Absent: Andrew Pillman, Karl Sullivan
Others in Attendance: Justin Weidl

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 19th minutes:

Motion: Gamboa

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All

Oppose – None

Motion Passes

4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.
 - i. Cook County tax bills were sent on 11/15 and are due 12/15.

5. Buena Circle Park

- a. Weidl presented a request from the Buena Circle and Challenger Parks Advisory Council to purchase two community display boards for Buena Circle Park.

Motion to approve request:

Motion: Irpino

Second: Ruffi

VOTE: Approve – All

Oppose – None

Motion Passes

6. Trash Can Pilot Program

- a. Weidl presented a quote to purchase six (6) additional trash receptacles.

Motion to approve quote from Secur for six (6) additional trash receptacles:

Motion: Cheng

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All

Oppose – None

Motion Passes





7. Community Event Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a quote to enhance the Grass Triangle at Lawrence/Broadway/Clifton.
 - i. Funding for enhancements will be formally requested after a lease agreement with Cedar Street is executed for the space.
- b. Weidl presented a list of events to receive funding in 2026 from the Community Event Grant Program.
 - i. Tuohy and Ruffi requested a meeting with Uptown United staff to discuss events before approval of funding.
- c. Weidl presented a funding request from Erik Peterson for a bubble sculpture and Bubble Fest.
 - i. Tuohy recommended that an alternate location be determined before funding.

8. Banner Program

- a. Weidl presented a funding request from Eddie Oppong for a design collaboration with local school to create a new Uptown light pole banner.
 - i. Ruffi recommended that banner decisions be made once the Chamber Banner Sponsorship Program is completed.

9. Next SSA Commission Meeting

- a. Tuesday, December 16th, 2025

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

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

