

Tuesday, August 18th 2026 – 4:30pm
Uptown United Office
4619 North Broadway

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Hutzel called meeting to order at 4:38pm.

2. Public Input

- a. None.

3. Approval of Minutes

On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

Motion to accept June 16th minutes:

Motion: Cheng

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All

Oppose – None

Motion Passes

4. Budget and Financial Report

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.
a. TIF Rebate payment was received and 48% of payments have been received.

5. Commission Officers

- a. Ruffi who was Treasurer has resigned and Israel was nominated for Treasurer.

Motion to accept Israel as Treasurer:

Motion: Cheng

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All

Oppose – None

Motion Passes

6. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a request from Molly Z to paint ten (10) additional storefront windows.

Motion to approve request:

Motion: Hutzel

Second: Gamboa

VOTE: Approve – All

Oppose – None

Motion Passes

7. 2026 Audit Report Proposals

- a. Weidl presented an option to renew a contract with Cary J. Hill to perform the 2026 audit.

Motion to renew contract:

Motion: Cheng

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All

Oppose – None

Motion Passes





8. 2027 Litter Abatement and Landscaping RFP

- a. Weidl presented draft RFPs for litter abatement and landscape maintenance for 2027.

Motion to approve RFP for release:

Motion: Cheng

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All

Oppose – None

Motion Passes

9. Argyle Light Pole Identifiers

- a. Weidl presented designs for permanent metal light pole identifiers for Argyle Street.
- Israel suggested the identifiers are used to connect Argyle to the lakefront.
 - Cheng suggested requesting a mock-up from the fabricator.

10. Curb Appeal Rebate Program

- a. Weidl presented an application from Presotea (5000 N Sheridan Road) for new signage.

Motion to approve application from Presotea

Motion: Cheng

Second: Keeney

VOTE: Approve – All

Abstain – Showers

Motion Passes

11. Strategic Communications Plan

- a. Aziz and Cigliano presented updates on the Strategic Communications Plan and facilitated a discussion on next steps.

12. Next SSA Commission Meeting

- a. Tuesday, September 15th, 2026

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

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

