

WEST TOWN SSA
MEETING OF SSA COMMISSION
Thursday, September 3, 2020 11:00 AM
Meeting held via Zoom
West Town Chamber of Commerce
1819 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

AGENDA

- **Call to Order:**
 - The meeting of the West Town SSA #29-2014 Commission is called to order.
 - Pursuant to the applicable law and my determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster caused by COVID-19, this meeting is conducted by videoconference.

NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE HAS BEEN EDITED

- **Approval of minutes from August 5, 2020**
- **Guest:** Pauline Dengler, Community Liaison - Cook County State's Attorneys' Office
- **Financial Report & Budget:**
 - 2020 P&L Statement, Balance Sheet & Year to Date Budget distributed.
- **Contracts:**
 - Snowplowing: Christy Webber Landscapes contract renewal BID
- **Rebate / Grant Programs:**
 - **COVID-19 Related Programming, Grants & Partnerships:**
 - West Town Bingo (\$500 in gift cards from SSA, \$500 from WTCC) - 12 of the 20 gift certificates have been distributed, 8 remaining. Possibly 4 for WTAW & 4 for WTWF.
 - Virtual Festivals & Non-Virtual Festivals:
 - Dancing in the Streets update
 - West Town Art Walk update
 - Grant Application Review:
 - Website & Online Marketplace Upgrade Grant Applications
 - a. All approved grants were paid
 - b. West Town Chamber offering grant for Chamber Members now
 - Emergency Board-Up Grant Applications
 - a. All approved grants were paid
- **Facade** - 1112 N. Ashland Ave - Property Owner, Zygmunt Dyrkacz - In process
- **Façade** – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.
- **Façade** – 2135 W. Chicago Ave – Property Owner, Ben & Emily Johnson – In process.
- **Façade** – 1819 - 1821 W. Chicago Ave, WTCC – In process.
- **Security** – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.
- **Security** - 2135 W. Chicago Ave - Property Owner, Ben & Emily Johnson - In process
- **Public Art** – Map Project – Review map draft. - **TABLED**
- **Public Art** - City Mural Registry Program – Install TBA
- **Public Art** - Chicago & Lessing - Justin Suarez - Finished & Paid
- **Public Art** – Anthony Lewellen, Lie/Lux, and Fnnch murals were tagged. Lewellen mural was fixed. Lie will fix his mural, and Fnnch mural is being replaced by Lisa Gray.

- **Public Art** – 1821 W. Chicago Ave – Artist: Mara Baker – Location 1: Finished & Paid. Location 2: TBD
- **Public Art** – 2135 W. Chicago Ave – JB Snyder – In Process. Piece will be completed in August.
- **Public Art** – 1749 W. Chicago Ave – Cody Hudson, curation by Andrew Rafacz Gallery – In Process. Discuss project.

- **Marketing / Beautification / Safety / Other:**
 - West Town Pop Up Project: Lease, Lease Rider, COVID-19 Rider, Application, and FAQ sheet - **Needs Approval**
 - Landscaping:
 - Hand weeding is continuing every month.
 - Bartlett Tree service - Met with Alderman's office with Erik Grossnickle, our Bartlett Arborist, to discuss Tree Inventory and Management plan. Shared our requested removals, and we are looking to use those removals as planting opportunities with 1st Ward partnership and potential funding.
 - Street Cleaning: No updates.
 - Banners & Holiday Decorations: Golder College Prep purchased banner sponsorships, and banners will be hung soon.
 - Discover West Town Mobile App / Website Update: Mobile site has been shut down permanently.
 - Master Plan: Reached out to CDOT about the Road Diet Plan to see if they were still on board. Waiting to receive a meeting invite, was told they would schedule and send soon.

- **Events and Neighborhood Updates:**
 - No Events
 - Prepping for West Town Art Walk
 - Release of Marketing Grant for West Town Chamber Members
 - Will start West Town Winterfest planning this month.
 - West Town & Wicker Park Trick or Treat planning beginning now.

- **Old Business:**
- **New Business:**
- **Public Forum:**

Next SSA Commission Meeting Date: October 1, 2020 via Zoom