

WEST TOWN SSA
MEETING OF SSA COMMISSION
Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:00 AM
Meeting held via Zoom
West Town Chamber of Commerce
1819 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

AGENDA

- **Call to Order**
- **Approval of minutes from June 4, 2020**
- **Approval of minutes from June 12, 2020**
- **Financial Report & Budget:**
 - 2020 P&L Statement, Balance Sheet & Year to Date Budget distributed.
 - Budget Amendment Revisions:
 - NOTE: Previous carry-over amount was incorrect. Corrected to \$26,511, which was placed in 2.03 - Facade Rebate.
 - NOTE: Public Art has \$2,171 remaining, Facade has \$393 remaining, and Security has \$1,907 remaining
 - NOTE: Website Grant potentially needs \$5,236 max, Board up potentially needs \$3,859.94 max
 - Strike previous amendments from June 4, 2020 budget revisions:
 - \$5,689 from facade to board up grant
 - \$8,500 from public art to website grant
 - New Revisions:
 - \$10,100 from 1.02 (Special Events) to 1.09 (PR)
 - \$4,000 from 2.11 (Snowplowing) to 2.03 (Facade)
 - \$12,000 from 2.11 (Snowplowing) to 4.11 (Pop-Up)
 - \$1,000 from 4.08 (Master Plan) to 1.11 (Website Grant)
 - \$5,000 from 1.07 (Print) to 1.11 (Website Grant)
 - \$3,000 from 5.02 (Security) to 5.04 (Board Up Grant)
 - 2021 Budget – May need to schedule a special meeting to review and approve 2021 Final Budget. EAV went up 12mil, new tax rate is 0.3481%. Will reach out to schedule if needed - if not, we will approve at August 6, 2020 meeting.
- **Rebate / Grant Programs:**
 - **COVID-19 Related Programming, Grants & Partnerships**– discuss ideas & updates
 - West Town Bingo (\$500 in gift cards from SSA, \$500 from WTCC) - Had 1 bingo winner. Are distributing gift cards for social media winners for Do-Division and West Fest.
 - Virtual Festivals & Non-Virtual Festivals:
 - Do-Division update
 - West Fest Chicago update
 - Dancing in the Streets update
 - West Town Art Walk
 - Save Local Businesses, photos by Candice Cusic - Photo series featured in video form during Virtual Festivals between musical acts.
 - Grant Application Review:
 - Website & Online Marketplace Upgrade Grant Applications
 - a. Pie Eyed Pizzeria
 - b. Chicago Truborn
 - c. Reach Fieldhouse
 - d. Urban Source
 - e. Western Exhibitions

- f. Jen Lau Art
 - g. Glamrocks Jewelry
- Emergency Board-Up Grant Applications
 - a. Damaged:
 - i. Damen Tavern
 - ii. John's Food Mart
 - iii. West Town Jewelry & Loan
 - b. Preventative
 - i. The Noble Grape
 - ii. Dovetail
- Sidewalk Cafes / Expanded Outdoor Dining:
 - Roots / West Town Bakery / Homestead on the Roof - Winchester Ave
 - Windy City Cafe - May St.
 - Research: very expensive. Street shut down for 1 weekend is approx. \$15,000.
- **Facade** - 1112 N. Ashland Ave - Property Owner, Zygmunt Dyrkacz - In process
- **Façade** – 1948 W. Chicago Ave – Tarnish - In process
- **Façade** – 1431 W. Chicago Ave – Property Owner, Brian Suave – Finished, not paid. Review.
- **Façade** – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.
- **Façade** – 689 N. Milwaukee Ave – 689 Condo Association – In process. Should be finished this month.
- **Façade** – 2135 W. Chicago Ave – Property Owner, Ben & Emily Johnson – In process.
- **Façade** – 1819 - 1821 W. Chicago Ave, WTCC – In process.
- **Façade** – 745 N. Damen Ave – Sprout Home – Finished. Payment in process.
- **Security** – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.
- **Security** – 1949 W. Chicago Ave – 1949 Condo Association – Finished & Submitted. Review. - **VOTE**
- **Public Art** - 4 story Colin Kapernick mural location needed, no cost to SSA.
- **Public Art** – Map Project – Review map draft. - **TABLED**
- **Public Art** – Clear Coating Quote for Anthony Lewellen Mural - **REVIEW**
- **Public Art** – 1637 W. Chicago Ave – Artist: Mara Baker – Location 1: Finished.
- **Public Art** - City Mural Registry Program – Decals received from DCASE, install TBA
- **Public Art** – 2135 W. Chicago Ave – JB Snyder – In Process.
- **Public Art** – 1749 W. Chicago Ave – Cody Hudson, curation by Andrew Rafacz Gallery – In Process.
- **Marketing / Beautification / Safety / Other:**
 - West Town Pop Up Project: Keypad lock was installed. Currently hosting piece by Mara Baker. Still working on the application, lease, and program information documents, and will have website to post all the info to. New website is live, but tab will be created for the West Town Pop Up Project when all info is ready to be released. Looking for possible September lease start?
 - Landscaping:
 - Sprout Home trees were removed by Bartlett and replaced by Christy Webber Landscapes. Not included in 2020 Tree Inventory
 - Spring mulching happened, hand weeding is continuing every month.
 - Bartlett Tree service has continued. 2020 3-year Tree Inventory was completed. Scheduling meeting with Alderman LaSpata's office to review inventory. Review Inventory.
 - Street Cleaning: No updates.
 - Banners & Holiday Decorations: All banner renewals postponed till 2021.
 - Discover West Town Mobile App / Website Update: Currently only active at m.westtownchicago.com. Review & Discuss.

- Master Plan: Waiting to hear back from CDOT about moving project forward in 2021, although it may be postponed now due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Events and Neighborhood Updates:**
 - West Town Neighborhood Guide - Distributed!
 - 7/1/20 – West Town Chamber Networking Zoom w/ Guest State Rep. Delia Ramirez (IL 4th District)
 - 8/12/20 – Member Mixer w/ WPB Chamber via Zoom– 6pm - 8pm
 - 7/15/20 – 7/22/20 – Virtual West Fest Chicago – Virtual Musical Acts on Friday, July 17th and Saturday, July 18th.
- **Old Business:**
- **New Business:**
- **Public Forum:**

Next SSA Commission Meeting Date: August 6, 2020 via Zoom