



**West Town SSA #29-2014
Commission Meeting Minutes**
2.13.24 at 11:00am
West Town Chamber of Commerce
1819 W. Chicago Ave.

Staff: Gaby Gerken, Susan Aldous-Hutchins

In Attendance: Steven Tobiason, Sasha Shver, Taylor Olds, Nadia Coronado, Eva Baldinger, Ruby Mirza, Sara Dulkan

Not Present: Evan Muellner, Leah Ziegler

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order:

Called to order at 11:06AM by Taylor Olds.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment.

3. Administration and Finances

- Meeting Minutes from 11.30.23
Review & Motion: Approved - Taylor 1st, Nadia 2nd, all in favor.
- Financial Reports
- Commission Update:
 - New Commission Applications Status
 - 2024 Commissioner Schedule
Review & Motion: Approved - Taylor 1st, Steven 2nd, all in favor.
- Urban Forest Maintenance Contract
Review & Motion: Tabled.

4. Rebate and Grant Programs

Facade Rebate

- Applications for Review:
 - 2018 W Chicago Ave. | Feld Restaurant, LLC | \$34,035

Review & Motion: Approval of application for \$15,000.

Approved - Sasha 1st, Nadia 2nd, all in favor.

Security Rebate:

- Applications for Review:
 - 1953 W Chicago Ave. | Coral Moon Partners (Netarre) | \$6568.11
Review & Motion: Approval of application to install security screens for \$3,000.
Approved - Taylor 1st, Sasha 2nd, Steven abstained, all others in favor.
 - 2018 W Chicago Ave. | Feld Restaurant, LLC | \$3523.35
Review & Motion: Approval of application to install security system with one year of service for \$2,642.51.
Approved - Sasha 1st, Taylor 2nd, all in favor.
- Projects In Progress:
 - 937 N Ashland Ave. | SUGOi Sweets | \$1895.94 approved

Public Art Grant

- Applications for Review:
 - 745 N Damen Ave. | Sprout Home | Total Cost: \$12,000
Review & Motion: Approval of application for \$12,000.
Approved - Sasha 1st, Taylor 2nd, all in favor.
- Mural Repair:
 - 845 N Milwaukee Ave. | Benjamin Giska | Total Cost: \$934.37
Review & Motion: Approval of mural repair work for \$934.37
Approved - Taylor 1st, Steven 2nd, all in favor.
- Projects In Progress:
 - 1625 W Chicago Ave. | West Town Public Library | \$10,500 approved
Review & Motion: project cancellation
Approved - Taylor 1st, Steven 2nd, all in favor.
 - 1461 W Chicago Ave. | Oggi Trattoria - project canceled
- Program Improvements Discussion
 - Upfront Materials Stipends
Recommendation for 50% stipend upfront and 50% after project completion, with inclusion of contracts.

- Mandatory Anti-Graffiti Coating
Recommendation for mandating anti-graffiti coating into all projects.
- Public Art Committee
Recommendation reinstatement of the Public Art Committee.

5. Events & General Updates:

Pop Up Project:

All three shops have launched and are leased through April 12. Two of three Cycle 2 tenants have been selected -

- 1821: SERES Footwear
- 1901: West Town Unwind
- Grand: TBD

The Happy Hour Shop has moved into 1919 W Chicago Ave. Opening in March!

Banners:

Banners are currently being proofed. Will be installed later this month or early March.

Events:

- 3/13: Joint Member Mixer with Wicker Park Bucktown at 5:30PM. Location to be determined.
- 3/22 to 3/31: West Town Restaurant Week
- 4/18: Q2 Member Townhall
- 4/20: West Town Wellness Crawl

6. Old Business:

7. Open Comment & Discussion:

8. Adjournment:

Next Meeting: March 19 at 11AM