WEST TOWN SSA #29-2014 Commission Meeting Agenda
Meeting held on Zoom
Thursday, September 2, 2021 10:00 AM

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. This meeting will be recorded.

Public Forum:

Admin and Finances

Review & Motion: Minutes from Meeting: July 1, 2021

Review: Financial Reports: Review Reports

Review & Motion: 2021 Quarter 2 Report: Review Report

● 2020 EAV released ‘
  o Higher than estimate, city staff will change the final number for the ordinance
● Chamber staffing
  o Kara out on extended leave
  o Susan in the office part time with extended maternity leave
  o Sara moving, last day October 1
● Trash Can Program - Discussion / Timeline / Map / RFP
  o Review RFP, provide edits by Sept 15 for approval at October Commission meeting

Rebate / Grant Programs

● Applications for Review
  o Facade Rebate - Review & Motion - 1062 W Chicago Ave - Windy City Cafe
  o Facade Rebate - Completed
    • Review & Motion: 1959 W Chicago Ave - El Metro Cafe - $6,750
● Finished Public Art Projects
  o 1914 W Chicago Ave - West Town Bakery/Ouizi Mural $10,821 - Completed
    • Review & Motion: Added expenses to Ouizi mural ($1000 for two nights of security, $999 for anti-graffiti sealant)
    • Remaining sealant from Ouizi mural - Discussion
  o Chicago & Lessing mural

● Approved Facade Projects still in progress
  o Facade - 1001 W Chicago Ave - Urban Market - In process - $15,000
    • Update: Construction almost finished.
  o Façade – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.
- Update: Construction almost completed, waiting on roll down door

- **Approved Security Projects still in progress**
    - Security materials are ready, waiting to submit them until facade is completed.
    - Security rebate amount requested: $2,999.99 (but only provided enough documentation for $2,249.99)
    - Discussion - El Metro moved, no signs of installation, no documentation

  - **Discuss & Motion:** Dismiss funding approval

- **Approved Public Art Projects still in progress**

- **Public Art Program**
  - **Review & Motion:** 1710 W Chicago - Chicago Auto Repair
    - Total amount requested: $4,248
    - Installation during West Town Art Walk
  - **Review & Motion:** Chicago and Lessing Live Installation WTAW - Nic Fonte
    - Amount requested: $1,000
    - Installation during West Town Art Walk
    - Work examples:
      - https://www.instagram.com/p/CSroHeWsME-/
      - https://www.instagram.com/p/CMOeDFisiZV/
      - https://www.instagram.com/p/CPDn0kcMzXz/

**Programs Report**
- Commercial Development Committee Meeting
  - Thursday, July 8th at 9:15am via Zoom
  - Letter of Support for Bar Nettare Garden at 1953 W Chicago Ave
- Member Mixer at On Tour Brewing (1725 W Hubbard St)
  - Tuesday, July 13th from 5-7pm
- Dancing in the Streets August 6-8
- West Town Art Walk - Applications due August 9:
  - https://westtownchamberofcommerce.formstack.com/forms/2021wtaw
    - In 2021, the West Town Art Walk has expanded to include the ENTIRE West Town Chamber of Commerce service area (Division to Hubbard, Halsted to Kedzie).
    - **Discuss:** “Kara Queen of West Town” painting
- Public Art Committee Meeting
  - Thursday, August 19 at 11:00 am via Zoom
  - Discussed Public Art Program and new initiatives

**New Commissioner Recruitment / Term Limits**
- Reminder: SSA Commissioners having served over term limit will step down at end of year for at least one year: Michael, Jenny, Chris, Sara, Steven
Julia, Evan, Adam, and Nora will step down in 2023 (and Michael, Jenny, Chris, Sara and Steven could serve again in 2023 after having taken a year off)

- Two year term limits / new Commissioners serving in January 2022 / rotate every two years
- Nominate five new 2022 Commissioners The Plantier 858 N Ashland– owner - An Chin; Resident - Nadia Coronado; 1423 W Chicago, building owner/business owner The Stoop
  - Nominees are invited to attend Public Forum and Committee meetings of interest until appointed.
- Anticipated timeline:
  - Today: Brainstorm on new commissioners
  - October: Officially nominate commissioners for anticipated vacancies
  - Applications post nomination will be sent to the Chamber by the November meeting - we can send them to the city, and the city will have all of November and December to approve their application/work out any debt clearance/send the nominated candidates their official appointment to the Commission.

Old Business

- Updated Public Art applications and artist/building owner sign up forms linked on website
- Public Way Use Permit ordinance change approved - waiting to hear about next steps from the city

***Next regular SSA Commission Meeting Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 10am)***