

**Lakeview SSA 27
Meeting Minutes
14 July 2011
8:30 AM
Lakeview Funeral Home
1456 West Belmont, Chicago, IL 60657**

Attending: Beth Kraszewski, Lisa Santos, Joe Kenny, Ann McCabe, Rev. David Abrahamson, Ray Hallowell, Denny Moore

Absent: Norm Dinkel, Jill Heise

Guests: Justin Clifford

Staff: Heather Way, Brad Vonck

Chairwoman Santos called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM

Beth Kraszewski made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Ann McCabe noticed a few typos, which were noted. Beth Kraszewski withdrew her motion. Ann McCabe motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Second by Beth Kraszewski. Motion carries.

Chairwoman Santos called the annual meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

Election of Officers (term expires 12.31.2011)

Proposed Slate: Lisa Santos, President
Jill Heise, Vice President/Secretary
Joe Kenny, Vice President/Treasurer

Rev. David Abrahamson motions to approve the slate, second by Denny Moore. Motion carries.

Reverend Abrahamson made a motion to adjourn the annual meeting. Second by Joe Kenny. Annual meeting adjourned.

Chairwoman Santos resumed regular meeting.

Chair's Report: Lisa Santos called attention to the new design of the meeting agenda, which is designed to indicate clear linkage between the agendas and what the SSA is doing in regards to LAMP.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kenny presented the financials. Budget versus actual is in line for this time of year. Cash flow may be an issue given the timing of the second installment tax bills.

Staff Report:

Reconstitution Status: Executive Director, Heather Way informs the commissioners of the dispute taking place between a small group of taxpayers who would like to be removed from the SSA boundaries. The tax payers reside in the building at 1411 West Grace. The group is prepared to fight it out in the press. Redrawing the boundaries for this group would also mean the removal of 44 other pin numbers and around \$14,000 of revenue. The SSA Advisory Committee ruled that the group should stay in the boundary; however, the group is challenging that decision. There have already been several FOIA requests for financial documents.

LAMP Priority Updates:

Façade Rebate- Application Approvals

One individual has applied for a façade rebate, their information is below:

Michael Anthony Salon Spa

The application is for a new sign and a new awning, which would cost in total \$16,000. Recommended rebate is \$4000 (based on funds available and rebate trends for the year); 25 percent of the total cost. Ray Hallowell motioned to approve a rebate of \$4000 for the applicant, Rev. David Abrahamson seconded. Motion carries.

Low Line

Meetings with the CTA are ongoing. The first phase of the project is determined to be Paulina to Ashland. The Friends of Lakeview will focus on the Low Line in a partnership with SSA 27 where appropriate and allowable.

Farmer's Market- 2012 Pre-Planning

Lisa Santos noted that the plan for a farmer's market near the Southport L Station was designated as a LAMP priority, and is something the commissioners need to start thinking about for next year, once the new SSA Manager is hired by the chamber.

Bicycle Advocacy- Bike and Roll Proposal

Heather Way mentioned her conversations with the Active Transportation Alliance regarding mutual desires to increase educational initiatives regarding bicycle advocacy and safety. Lisa and Heather met with Bike and Roll, a bike-sharing business similar to Zipcar. Bike and Roll is interested in bringing their program to Lakeview, which would cost \$3600 per bicycle in a plan that would bring 18 bicycles and 11 docking stations to the community. The commissioners shared a desire to further promote bicycle advocacy and safety, and noted that a version of these programs may be a solution. However, the commissioners also noted that the City of Chicago was heavily investigating bike advocacy programs as well, and that Lakeview should wait and see what the overall city plan is before seriously pursuing any options.

Public Art- Bike Racks

Heather Way noted the purchasing of bike racks in the shape of a man riding a bike for the Paulina and Southport locations. Businesses are excited about the opportunity for unique bike racks, and are willing to share in the costs. The next steps are to increase the outreach, and meet with various welders. Also, traditional bike racks are very inexpensive, and the loss of parking meters in the area may require the purchasing of new racks. The commissioners noted that this project deserves more focus than the bike sharing projects, at least until the City of Chicago makes their decision.

Announcements-no announcements

Rev. Abrahamson motioned to adjourn. Joe Kenny second. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2011 at **St. Luke Church, 1500 West Belmont**. 8:30 AM.