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Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, September 15th, 2016
South Shore Chamber Offices
1750 East 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60649**

In Attendance

Commissioners: Suellen Hurt, Martha Peters, Lynn Small, Gregory Smith
Staff: Tonya Trice, Ciera Whitaker
Alderman's Office: Kimberly Webb
Guests: Brian Taylor, All Points Security;
Brady Gotts, Cleanslate Landscaping;
Barbara Bernsen, property owner; Pat Skoda, Jewel

- I. Commissioner Small called the meeting to order at 10:25am.
- II. The agenda was approved.
- III. It was reported that Bronzeville Green has not fulfilled their contract in a satisfactory manner. The planters have not been properly maintained and weeds have been growing on the sidewalks and curbs along the public way. With the approval of the alderman and President Karim the contract with Bronzeville Green was terminated. Cleanslate Landscaping, who has performed landscaping for the SSA in years past, was invited to the meeting and proposed to pick up the balance of the contract. They proposed to clean the weeds for \$2700 and put new flowers in the planters for \$3,400. As there are sufficient funds left in the budget and based on our knowledge of Cleanslate's work in the past the commissioners, by unanimous consent, selected Cleanslate to carry out the balance of the landscaping contract. The new vendor will give the SSA an estimate of the cost to install evergreen plantings in November.
- IV. The management of the Jewel Osco at 75th and Stony was invited to the meeting to talk about their handling of unhealthy activity around their store. Though not entirely in our SSA, they are adjacent to us and we wanted to share our concerns about how they plan to remedy the situation. Mr. Skoda reported that Jewel Osco shares our concerns and they are meeting with community representation and the CDP to curb loitering and illegal activity in the parking lot and increased their

security manpower. They have noted that like Walgreens, sales of single cans of beer have added to the problem and the store has put that merchandise in a less prominent location. They will continue to meet with community leaders and be more aggressive to make the lot a safer environment. All Points is going to meet with Jewel management to coordinate efforts.

- V. This year's Summer Fest was attended by some 800-100 people. There were only 10 vendors, 2 from the SSA. There was general satisfaction with the entertainment. It was noted that pricing of vendor booths and amenities need to be examined to make participation more attractive. Possible improvements for next year include: more aggressive marketing, better visibility of SSA, better pricing for non-SSA vendors, more uniform look for vendors, tighter security in the vendor area, a medical team on sight to handle emergencies, earlier identification of talent (to facilitate publicity). We plan to have an event planner in place by early January.
- VI. We saw several logo designs but did not approve any of them. Several suggestions were made for the designer.
- VII. There were no changes in the budget.
- VIII. The August bank statements have not been received so there are no numbers to review.
- IX. All Points Security that security for the Summer Festival was at sufficient levels. There were no serious security concerns reported.
- X. Representation to discuss façade enhancement were not available for the meeting, so the subject has been deferred to next month. Property owner Barbara Bernsen reported several concerns she has with the site that includes Bank of America. Some residents have been throwing garbage at the dumpster on the property, causing the bank to be fined by the City. There is also an issue with parking in the lot shared by the bank and Starbucks. Mrs. Bernsen would like to place planters placed on the west edge of her property (which she would pay for) to avoid the damage caused by the salting of the street to the parkway in the winter. As these issues go beyond the scope of the SSA it was recommended that Mrs. Bernsen meet with the alderman, the chamber and Starbucks to discuss the issues and seek possible resolution.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.