

Six Corners Association
 SSA 28 Special Commissioners Meeting Minutes
 December 2, 2019
 Portage Arts Lofts, 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave., #302

Item	Information	Action
<p style="text-align: center;">Introductions</p>	<p>Commissioners present: Brenna Beato, Marci Berner, Gale Fabisch, Franklin Jones, Anna Zolkowski</p> <p>Commissioners present via Phone: Scott Hollander, Emanuel Zwick</p> <p>SSP Staff: Jessica Vazquez, Jason Estremera</p> <p>City official: Patrick Brutus, DPD, City of Chicago</p> <p>Public: Joe Angelastri, Peter Czosnyka, Ellen Hill, Joe Oliveri, Cyd Smillie, Daniel Sobor, Marc Sussman</p>	<p>GF called the special meeting to order at 1:32 pm.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes</p>	<p>Not applicable; special meeting to discuss bylaw amendments and contract amendments, per Ald. Gardiner, Ward 45, request</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Recap of interactions from September, 2019 to present between Ward 45 office staff & alderman and Six Corners Assn staff and board of directors</p>	<p>Summary of interactions presented by Jason Estremera, ED of Six Corners Assn (SCA). Document of overview is attached.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Overview of SSA 28-2014 bylaw history</p>	<p>Presented by Jason Estremera, ED, SCA.</p> <p>2015--bylaws were first enacted, city template used, Commissioners required to own property or have business within SSA boundaries.</p> <p>2017--bylaws amended, 2/3 of Commissioners required to own property or have business within SSA boundaries.</p> <p>Subsequently, DPD created requirement that one Commissioner must be residential property owner (not renter) within SSA boundaries.</p>	

<p>Overview of Commissioner responsibilities</p>	<p>Commissioners oversee funding; vote on how to spend funds based on DPD approved workplan; choose the service provider; set tax levy rate within DPD parameters. This is a non-paid, volunteer position. Candidates are vetted and approved by DPD, appointed by the Mayor of Chicago.</p>	
<p>Discussion re pros & cons of changing existing SSA bylaws</p>	<p>Discussion led by Gale Fabisch, Chair.</p> <p>What are the benefits of having only those within SSA boundaries? As bylaws stand, one community rep cannot derail any motion. One vote out of seven.</p> <p>What are the cons of changing bylaws to include only property owners? Limits population of who can recruit to be Commissioner, makes it more difficult to get qualified applicants; hard to get people to volunteer as it is, let alone fill out 17 pages of financial disclosure, conflict of interest and other forms. Including community voice helps consider issues from all angles. What happens in SSA impacts overall community, business and residential.</p> <p>SSA Commission is politically neutral; has worked with many aldermen over its existence. It is ethically and legally bound to work with everyone in order to advocate for what is best for the community as a whole.</p>	
<p>SSA Budget vetting process and legislative timeline required for 2020 SSA funding</p>	<p>Overview by Patrick Brutus, SSA 28-2014 liaison, DPD</p> <p>SSA budgets were completed for 2020 by summer, 2019. Voted on & approved by SSA Commissioners. City Council Committee has to approve it, then introduced to full City Council. Last Council meeting in 2019 is Dec 18. Has to be published in Journal, and recorded by Cook County Recorder of Deeds prior to Dec 31. If not recorded, PINs within the SSA will not be activated, and the tax levy will not be collected. That would result in no funds, no budget, no services, no service provider.</p>	
<p>Vote on changing bylaws</p>	<p>SCA staff informs all present that based on counsel and legal advice from DPD, Commission cannot call a vote on the bylaws at this meeting. Vote will take</p>	

	place on 12/12, the regularly scheduled quarterly SSA meeting.	
Contract amendments	Discussion that all vendor contracts should end on 12/31/19	Franklin Jones makes motion that contracts should end on 12/31; Brenna Beato seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
Public Commentary + Adjournment	<p>Scott Hollander and Emanuel Zwick request to leave the meeting via phone, as all official business has been concluded.</p> <p>Spirited public commentary from Pete Czosnyka, Ellen Hill, Cyd Smillie, Joe Angelastri, Patrick Brutus and Joe Oliveri.</p> <p>Adjournment at 2:50 PM.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn made by AZ; FJ seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.</p>