



## **Meeting Minutes**

**May 26, 2021 SSA 28-2014 Commissioners Meeting (via Zoom)**

**(Numbers correspond to agenda items from the meeting.)**

**1.)** The meeting was called to order by Mary Garcia at 12:02pm (CDT).

### **2.) Attendance:**

**Commissioners Present:** Mary Garcia, Jack Wroblewski, Chris Murphy, Joe Oliveri, Moe Taleb

**Commissioners Absent:** Dr. Juanita Mora

**Sole Service Provider Staff:** Michael Giordano, Nina Kosinski

**Guests:** Mark Roschen (City of Chicago), Michael DiMeo (Six Corners Chamber of Commerce Board President)

**3.) Public Comments:** None

**4.)** Minutes from the April 28, 2021 SSA 28-2014 Commissioners Meeting were reviewed. Mary Garcia asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Jack Wroblewski made a motion. The motion was seconded by Joe Oliveri. All others were in favor.

**5.)** The first draft of the 2022 Budget for SSA 28-2014 was reviewed. It calls for a 4.95% increase of the tax levy. This majority of this increase will be put towards snow removal in the public way aesthetics portion of our budget. Keep in mind that we expanded our snow removal footprint by 30% on January 1, 2021. This increase of territory serviced was not factored into our budget for 2021. Mary Garcia asked for a motion to approve the

draft version of our 2022 Budget. Joe Oliveri made a motion. The motion was seconded by Jack Wroblewski. All others were in favor.

## **6.) New Business / Administrative Update:**

**a.)** We divided our litter abatement into two services - garbage can emptying and ground litter removal/retrieval. Flood Brothers will empty our garbage cans. Bronzeville Organic Green Landscaping will remove litter on the ground. In total, we will be paying \$1875 per month for these two services. This represents a 40% decrease in what we would have paid Cleanslate. Cleanslate recently acknowledged that they would not be able to live up to the standards that the Six Corners Chamber of Commerce sets for litter removal. The public parking lot on Laporte Avenue has now officially been added to our territory for litter removal.

**b.)** Seven new trees have been planted within the 4000 North Block of Milwaukee Avenue - three on the north side of the street and four on the south side of the street. Christy Webber has been out to our SSA for spring landscaping since our last Commissioners Meeting. We have added mulch to our planter beds for 2021. In Christy Webber's estimation, our planter boxes haven't received mulch since 2016. The summer flowers are forthcoming.

**c.)** Our irrigation system has been serviced and turned-on for the season. A key that will allow modifications to the timers within our irrigation system has been given to our account manager from Christy Webber. One of the timers on Cicero Ave by Sears needs to be serviced as there is a lack of electricity running to it. Additionally, the sprinklers in the planter box in front of Culver's need to be repaired. We will fix this too.

**d.)** The Ortega Family Insurance Agency will celebrate a grand opening on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 5:00pm. Gracie O'Malley's is also planning a soft opening at 12:00pm on Friday, May 28, 2021.

**e.)** We continue to work and brainstorm with the restaurants in our SSA on ways to increase foot traffic. One such idea is to sponsor a restaurant crawl in the near future.

**f.)** A prototype of our "Rebuilding Six Corners" streetlight banners was presented to the commissioners. Our metal-cut community identifiers will be moved closer to the Six Corners intersection. Many were mistakenly placed along Milwaukee Avenue approaching Montrose Avenue. In addition, they will also be moved to the sidewalk side of the streetlight mounting bracket - as they were originally designed. We will also be adding our seasonal flags (United States of America and City of Chicago) for the summer. The streetlight banners will be placed on the street side of the streetlight mounting bracket. We anticipate receiving a sponsorship for the banners from Novak

Construction, GW Properties, and Ryan Companies. This subsidy for the banners will save the SSA a significant amount of money. We are planning holiday themed banners for later this year.

**g.)** A preview of what Novak Construction will be presenting to the public tomorrow evening regarding the Sears site project was given to the SSA 28 Commissioners and the Six Corners Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors two weeks ago. The project will be a mixed-use development.

**h.)** Cary J. Hall & Associates, LLC, the auditor chosen to perform the 2020 Audit for SSA 28-2014, still has not received cooperation from the previous auditor of SSA 28-2014, Eilts & Associates, Inc. Mark Roschen has agreed to intervene and will be assisting Cary J. Hall in obtaining the work papers from Eilts & Associates, Inc. that are required to accurately perform the 2020 Audit. The Six Corners Association was the Sole Service Provider for SSA 28-2014 in 2020. Mark reached out to the City of Chicago's former independent auditor to obtain guidance on how to proceed with this situation.

**i.)** In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Wroblewski inquiring about the broken window in the former Borovik Drug Store building, Michael DiMeo mentioned that we will be working with the building's owner to get the window repaired. In regards to Jack's question regarding the peeling artwork on the concrete flower boxes, Michael stated that we have spoken with Northwest Arts Connection on ways to refresh these flower boxes with new artwork. We will not be utilizing the peoplespace that was featured in the 4000 Block of North Milwaukee Avenue during the past few years. Virtually all of our restaurants have created very nice outdoor dining areas on the sidewalk in front of their location. We are cautiously optimistic that "Rock the Badges" will be held on September 18th and 19th at Six Corners. An Oktoberfest hosted by Gracie O'Malley's is also being discussed.

**7.)** Mary Garcia asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Oliveri made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jack Wroblewski. All others were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm (CDT).