



Meeting Minutes

October 27, 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 4:32pm (CDT).

2.) Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Juanita Mora

Sole Service Provider Staff: Michael Giordano, Nina Kosinski

Guests: Michael DiMeo (Six Corners Chamber of Commerce Board President), Mark Roschen (City of Chicago), and a few members from our community

3.) Public Comments: Pete Czosnyka

4.) Minutes from the September 15, 2021 SSA 28-2014 Commissioners Meeting were reviewed. Mary Garcia asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Oliveri made a motion. The motion was seconded by Jack Wroblewski. All others were in favor.

5.) The 2021 Q3 Work Plan and Financials for SSA 28-2014 was reviewed. Mary Garcia asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Q3 Work Plan and Financials for SSA 28-2014. Joe Oliveri made a motion. The motion was seconded by Jack Wroblewski. All others were in favor.

6.) The process of creating a committee that will offer suggestions and generate ideas on how to best spend a TIF surplus that is available to SSA 28-2014 was discussed. We plan

to use our social media, website, and in-person visits to Six Corners business owners and stakeholders to solicit committee members and ideas. Once a committee is formed and adequate ideas have been received, we will hold a meeting to discuss the merits of these ideas. Commissioner Jack Wroblewski stated that he thought one of the Chamber's staff members, Nina Kosinski, would make an excellent committee member due to her standing as a longtime resident of the Six Corners neighborhood and her continued dedication to making Six Corners a better place. Jack reiterated that tenured Six Corners business owners and residents should definitely be represented on this committee. In addition, Jack mentioned that he would like to see somebody from the Aldermanic Office of the 45th Ward on the committee.

7.) New Business / Administrative Update:

Commissioner Jack Wroblewski mentioned how important he thought it was that we save the Laporte Avenue parking lot and he asked what the Six Corners Chamber of Commerce was planning to do to accomplish this. Michael DiMeo mentioned that the residents and stakeholders who are closest to the parking lot have been extremely vocal about the need to save it. These "ground zero" individuals have been receiving support from other stakeholders throughout the Six Corners Business District. We were surprised that the City of Chicago had planned to have the upzoning of the parking lot completed by the end of September. The Six Corners Chamber of Commerce has been very aggressive in getting this upzoning pulled off the agenda in September and October. We will continue to be very aggressive in resolving the parking lot issue. Joe Oliveri mentioned the need for better signage to direct shoppers, residents, and local business employees to the parking lot. Michael DiMeo mentioned that we could consider using some of the TIF rebate money to fund this signage. Commissioner Chris Murphy asked what Six Corners business owners can do right now to help save the parking lot. Michael DiMeo responded by saying that any individual in favor of saving the parking lot should put their opinion to do so in writing.

8.) 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 4:56pm (CDT).