

Lincoln Avenue SSA #35-2015
Commission Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2023
DRAFT to be approved at April, 2023 Meeting
2345 N Lincoln Ave, Lincoln Common conference room

Commissioners Present: Kenneth Dotson, Mark Davis, Benn Hamm, Mike Hochhauser

Commissioners Absent: Edda Coscioni, Kevin Greco, Tiffany Jozwiak

LPCC Staff: Jessica Wobbekind

Public Forum: none

Alderman's Office: Taylor Nesse

Call to Order

Called to order by Dotson at 9:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Dotson asked for and received approval of the minutes from the October 25, 2022 meeting.

Motion to approve the October 25, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum - none

Financial Report (Davis)

- Financials are good. We have a \$197,000 in the bank.
- We received approximately 90% of our levy in 2022. Almost 35% of that, over \$150,000, came in late in December.
- We spent about 72% of our budget in 2022, so we have about \$125,000 left unspent. But we budgeted for \$100,000 of carryover in the 2023 budget so we will be able to spend most of it this year (2023).

Action Items

- I. 2023 Officer Elections

Motion to approve Kenneth Dotson as Chair, Mark Davis as Treasurer and Edda Coscioni as Secretary. Motion Seconded, Motion unanimously approved

- II. Wobbekind shared the 4th Quarter report.

Motion to approve the 4th Quarter report. Motion Seconded, Motion unanimously approved

Program Manager Report (Wobbekind)

- I. **Chicago Sculpture Exhibit Update:** we have decided to put sponsorship of this program on hold this year. We think this is a great program and see the value of supporting it again in the future but the cost has gone up and with the Under the L project coming up as well as potentially late tax bills, we think it is better to be conservative in spending at the beginning of this year.

- II. **Contracts:**
 - a. Litter Abatement- Cleanslate will move to their winter schedule beginning Nov 1, they will be out 3 days a week- Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. We finished up the 2022 contract and starting the 2023 contract. No changes to service
 - b. Landscaping- planters and baskets will be removed soon and then the winter plantings will go in, as a reminder we are working with the City again, they are using Moore Landscapes.
 - c. Snow removal contracts are in effect, we had one snow event around December 22. It didn't snow as much as forecasted but it was very, very cold and the crews were limited in the amount of time they could spend outside, plus the salting doesn't work in extreme cold but overall the crews did a good job. Also, over the weekend, January 22 and maybe tomorrow we will have some snow.
 - d. Holiday Decorations – looked great this year, were removed last week.

- III. **Streetscape:**
 - a. Under L Improvements- we are working through the process, this week the construction company will be out with ComEd to determine the location of the electrical connection
 - b. Bike Racks – We are still waiting on CDOT for an installation date for the racks.

- IV. **Public Safety:**
 - a. There was a conversation with the 18th District police commander event last week, January 18. Robin and I have been attending these; it is helpful to build relationships and connections with the officers.
 - b. We are also attending the State's Attorney's Office Northside Community Justice steering committee with the 19th district.

- V. **Economic Development Report:**
 - a. Closed/Opened- Little Meatball, Ghareeb Nawaz, 2364 N Lincoln
 - b. Closed/Opened- Xi'an Dynasty, 2AM Izakaya, 2218 N Lincoln
 - c. Closed- Pharmaca, 2313 N Lincoln
 - d. Closed/Open – Play2Day, Lincoln Common, is now Scout Vet
 - e. Coming Soon- Gong Cha bubble tea, 2233 N Lincoln
 - f. Now open- Mochinut, 743 W Fullerton
 - g. Now open- Sweetgreen, 2335 N Lincoln (Lincoln Common)
 - h. Now open- Wake n Bakery, 2410 N Lincoln
 - i. Now open- Crumbl Cookies, 2321 N Lincoln
 - j. Coming Soon(ish)- Umi, dispensary in the old Salt & Pepper space, were approved for a zoning change, now they need to apply for a special use permit. The LPCC wrote a letter in support of the project.

Marketing and Events Report (Wobbekind)

- I. We are still working out the 2023 events calendar and will share it with the Commission in April to discuss any potential SSA funding or sponsorships. Events will most likely include:
 - a. Health and Wellness Weekend in June and September
 - b. Wine Stroll in September
 - c. Spooktacular in October

- II. **Event Summary:**
 - a. 75th Anniversary Gala- November 10, 6-9 PM at Steppenwolf

- b. 43rd Ward aldermanic candidate forum hosted by the LPCC, focus on small business issues

III. Upcoming events:

- a. 43rd Ward aldermanic candidate forum hosted by the Lincoln Park Alliance, a coalition of all the neighborhood groups, including the LPCC. Tonight at LPHS, 6 PM
- b. 18th District CPD Council candidates forum- Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Moody Church, 1635 N LaSalle Drive, Room 108, at 6:00 p.m. Please use the entrance, marked "1635" You must register in advance, let me know if you want me to send the link.
- c. Business After Hours, Thursday 1/26, 5:30-7:30, PARennial Golf, 2355 N Clark
- d. (non-chamber event) SBAC Small Business Mayoral Forum, Wednesday, Feb 1, 10 am-12 pm, 161 N Clark – this will be live streamed as well, please let me know if you want the link to register or the live stream link

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 9 a.m., Zoom

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jessica Wobbekind