

Lincoln Avenue SSA #35-2015
Commission Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023
Lincoln Common, 2345 North Lincoln

Commissioners Present: Edda Coscioni, Mark Davis, Kenneth Dotson, Benn Hamm, Mike Hochhauser, Tiffany Jozwiak

Commissioners Absent: Kevin Greco

Staff: Kim Schilf

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Kenneth Dotson, 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 12, 2023. Motion seconded; Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum - none

Reports

Financial Report (Davis)

- As of the end of September, the remaining 2022 tax levy of \$196,000 is still pending. We are expecting the second half to come in during December. We have not received any tax levy payments since August.
- We are still waiting on an invoice from Cleanslate for \$2,600 for the second sidewalk power washing in September.
- We've spent 44% of the budget as of the end of September. In addition to regular litter removal expenses, we still have the holiday décor and snow removal invoices to pay this year.
- We will be ordering the 4 arches for Lincoln Ave by the end of the year. The total expense for the arches is \$122,852.
- The current balance stands at just \$263,678.

Action Items (Schilf)

Motion to approve 3rd Quarter report. Motion seconded; Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to move \$1,500 from line item 2.06 (Public Art) to line item 2.04 (Wayfinding Signage). Motion seconded; Motion unanimously approved.

Program Manager Report (Schilf)

Contracts

- Weeding: We still need to get weeding proposals for 2024. We will bring proposals to the January meeting for vote/approval.
- Litter Abatement- Cleanslate will move to their winter schedule beginning Nov 1, they will be out 3 days a week- Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Landscaping- planters and baskets are being removed this week and then the winter plantings will go in during November.
- Snow removal contracts go into effect on November 1.

- Holiday Decorations will be installed before Thanksgiving.

Misc.

- Streetscape - Under L Improvements- We are still working through the electrical connection process and will be ordering the arches before year end with installation planned for spring/summer.
- Façade Rebate Program – We don't currently have any rebate applications. LPCC still needs to find contact for Bad Apple (coming into the John Barleycorn space.)
- Schilf to get contact from McKay at 43rd Ward office for Bad Apple and Victory Gardens for Façade Rebate program communication.
- Schilf to resend Bacino's Façade Rebate application again as they have expressed interest again.
- 2024 Meeting Dates - We are going to be putting together the 2024 commission meeting schedule soon. Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. work for the commission.
- Schilf to invite 43rd Ward Alderman Timmy Knudsen to attend January Commission meeting.
- 2024 Projects
 - Complete under L project
 - Complete alley improvements: garbage enclosures, Make Way for People Permit
 - Research activation ideas for Lincoln and Belden intersections

Marketing and Events

- Wine Stroll was held on September 21 on Lincoln Avenue. Had close to 300 people attend and had 20 businesses participate. Was a huge success in generating pedestrian traffic to Lincoln Avenue.
- Spooktacular on Lincoln is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 with 32 businesses participating between Wrightwood and Diversey.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded; Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Schilf.