

WEST TOWN SSA
MEETING OF SSA COMMISSION
Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:00 PM
West Town Chamber of Commerce
1819 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of minutes from February 7, 2019**
- III. **Financial Report & Budget:**
 - 2018 & 2019 P&L Statement, Balance Sheet & Year to Date Budget distributed.
- IV. **Reports:**
 - Review & Approve 2018 Q4 Reports.
 - 2018 Audit to be presented at April 4, 2019 SSA Commission meeting. Get Audit letter signed.
- V. **Contracts:**
 - None
- VI. **Rebate / Grant Programs: Review 2019 Façade Rebate Application**
 - **Façade** – 1726 W. Chicago Ave, Eye Want – in process. Must have project finished in 2019 or will have to re-apply. Spoke to Annette, project should be in stalled the weekend of March 9th. Project anticipated to be closed out by the end of the month.
 - **Façade** – 1656 W. Chicago Ave, Ciao Chicago – Canceled application. Applicant lost money with previous vendor, and is re-thinking the signage at the moment. Not sure of timeline. Told applicant to re-apply once they figure out what they'd like to do and bid out the new project.
 - **Façade** – 2130 W. Chicago Ave, Cornelia McNamara Flowers – in process. Winter season created a shortage of funds so applicant is waiting till spring when business picks up again. Also will be going with a less expensive alternative for the planters. Will be sending us updated quotes shortly.
 - **Façade** – 965 W. Chicago Ave, MHub – Responded with updated app, reported on 5 year rule. Applicant responded and understood conditions.
 - **Façade** – 957 N. Ashland Ave – Nika Vaughan Bridal Artists – in process
 - **Façade** – 1637 W. Chicago Ave – CDT Realty Corp – **VOTE**
 - **Façade** – 1523 W. Chicago Ave – CDT Realty Corp - **VOTE**
 - **Public Art** – 1914 W. Chicago Ave – Artist: Ouizi - **VOTE**
- VII. **Marketing / Beautification / Safety / Other:**
 - Snowplowing: Snowplowing totals so far are 34 inches. Almost reached cap of 40", will have to pay per push after we reach cap.
 - Street Cleaning: Ongoing. Encampments went away and looks like they have come back again. The couple seems to be moving around the neighborhood.
 - Banners & Holiday Decorations: moving forward on re-garlanding. CEG getting new garland quotes and samples for us to choose from. Samples taking longer than expected because companies are dragging their feet as its not x-mas time.
 - Landscaping: Contracts to start in spring.
 - Discover West Town Mobile App: Framework was built in 2012, needs to be updated to make updating and fixing the app easier. Quote for \$4,410 for work, line item currently at \$0. Server cost has increased due to app test mainframe creation. – **Tabled until WTCC website overhaul is decided.**

- Master Plan: Next step to present Master Plan to Alderman, present to neighborhood group member meetings, CDOT communicating with Alderman currently about potential updates to Chicago Ave. Will work with CDOT for community outreach in Spring if internal approvals happen. GIS MAP UPDATE: public map is now up and active. You can find it on the SSA website and the WTMP website. Please check it out and let me know what you think!
- People Spot: Officially have postponed People Spot for 2018. Will revisit planning for the people spot in 2019 for a 2020 install date, in conjunction with CDOT construction schedule. **Tabled.**
- Bike Racks: **Tabled**
- Bike Friendly Business District: **Tabled.**

VIII. Events and Neighborhood Updates:

- 3/13/19: WTCC meeting with 1st Ward Alderman-Elect Daniel LaSpata
- 3/15/19: Ribbon Cutting at BLO on Division Street at 11am
- 3/28/19: New Member Breakfast at WTCC office at 10am
- 4/4/19: Member Mixer & Terrarium Workshop at Christy Webber Farm and Garden at 6pm – 8pm

IX. Old Business:

X. New Business: Benito's last day will be March 15th. Thank you Benito!!!

XI. Public Forum:

Next SSA Commission Meeting Date: April 4, 2019