

WEST TOWN SSA #29-2014 Commission Meeting Agenda

Meeting held on Zoom

Thursday, September 2, 2021 10:00 AM

Call to Order:

- The meeting of the West Town SSA #29-2014 Commission is called to order.
- *Pursuant to the applicable law and my determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster caused by COVID-19, this meeting is conducted by videoconference. This meeting will be recorded.*

Public Forum:

Admin and Finances

Review & Motion: Minutes from Meeting: July 1, 2021

Review: Financial Reports: Review Reports

Review & Motion: 2021 Quarter 2 Report: Review Report

- 2020 EAV released
 - Higher than estimate, city staff will change the final number for the ordinance
- Chamber staffing
 - Kara out on extended leave
 - Susan in the office part time with extended maternity leave
 - Sara moving, last day October 1
- Trash Can Program - Discussion / Timeline / Map / RFP
 - Review RFP, provide edits by Sept 15 for approval at October Commission meeting

Rebate / Grant Programs

- **Applications for Review**
 - Facade Rebate - **Review & Motion** - 1062 W Chicago Ave - Windy City Cafe
 - Facade Rebate - Completed
 - **Review & Motion:** 1959 W Chicago Ave - El Metro Cafe - \$6,750
- Finished Public Art Projects
 - 1914 W Chicago Ave - West Town Bakery/Ouizi Mural \$10,821 - Completed
 - **Review & Motion:** Added expenses to Ouizi mural (\$1000 for two nights of security, \$999 for anti-graffiti sealant)
 - Remaining sealant from Ouizi mural - Discussion
 - Chicago & Lessing mural
- **Approved Facade Projects still in progress**
 - Facade - 1001 W Chicago Ave - Urban Market - In process - \$15,000
 - Update: Construction almost finished.
 - Façade – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.

- Update: Construction almost completed, waiting on roll down door
- **Approved Security Projects still in progress**
 - Security – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.
 - Security materials are ready, waiting to submit them until facade is completed.
 - Security - 1959 W Chicago Ave - El Metro Cafe - In process.
 - Security rebate amount requested: \$2,999.99 (but only provided enough documentation for \$2,249.99)
 - Discussion - El Metro moved, no signs of installation, no documentation
 - **Discuss & Motion:** Dismiss funding approval
- **Approved Public Art Projects still in progress**
- **Public Art Program**
 - **Review & Motion:** 1710 W Chicago - Chicago Auto Repair
 - Total amount requested: \$4,248
 - Installation during West Town Art Walk
 - **Review & Motion:** Chicago and Lessing Live Installation WTAW - Nic Fonte
 - Amount requested: \$1,000
 - Installation during West Town Art Walk
 - Work examples:
 - <https://www.instagram.com/p/CSroHeWsME-/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/p/CMOeDFisiZV/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/p/CPDn0kcMzXz/>

Programs Report

- Commercial Development Committee Meeting
 - Thursday, July 8th at 9:15am via Zoom
 - Letter of Support for Bar Nettare Garden at 1953 W Chicago Ave
- Member Mixer at On Tour Brewing (1725 W Hubbard St)
 - Tuesday, July 13th from 5-7pm
- Dancing in the Streets August 6-8
- West Town Art Walk - Applications due August 9:
 - <https://westtownchamberofcommerce.formstack.com/forms/2021wtaw>
 - In 2021, the West Town Art Walk has expanded to include the ENTIRE West Town Chamber of Commerce service area (Division to Hubbard, Halsted to Kedzie).
 - **Discuss:** “Kara Queen of West Town” painting
- Public Art Committee Meeting
 - Thursday, August 19 at 11:00 am via Zoom
 - Discussed Public Art Program and new initiatives

New Commissioner Recruitment / Term Limits

- Reminder: SSA Commissioners having served over term limit will step down at end of year for at least one year: Michael, Jenny, Chris, Sara, Steven

- Julia, Evan, Adam, and Nora will step down in 2023 (and Michael, Jenny, Chris, Sara and Steven could serve again in 2023 after having taken a year off)
- Two year term limits / new Commissioners serving in January 2022 / rotate every two years
- Nominate five new 2022 Commissioners The Plantier 858 N Ashland– owner - An Chin; Resident - Nadia Coronado; 1423 W Chicago, building owner/business owner The Stoop
 - Nominees are invited to attend Public Forum and Committee meetings of interest until appointed.
- Anticipated timeline:
 - Today: Brainstorm on new commissioners
 - October: Officially nominate commissioners for anticipated vacancies
 - Applications post nomination will be sent to the Chamber by the November meeting - we can send them to the city, and the city will have all of November and December to approve their application/work out any debt clearance/send the nominated candidates their official appointment to the Commission.

Old Business

- Updated Public Art applications and artist/building owner sign up forms linked on website
- Public Way Use Permit ordinance change approved - waiting to hear about next steps from the city

Next regular SSA Commission Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 10am**