

WEST TOWN SSA #29-2014 Commission Meeting Agenda

Meeting held via Zoom

Thursday, July 1, 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: June 3, 2021 (*Technical issue with June meeting recording - no audio recording - minutes only to be posted on website)

Review & Motion: Financial Reports: Review Reports

Review & Motion: 2022 Budget and Workplan: approve the 2022 work plan, 2022 budget, and WTCC as the 2022 service provider agency

Review & Motion: 2021 Quarter 1 Report: Review Report

Public Way

Review & Motion: 2.12 SSA Tree Maintenance Bartlett Tree Service Contract

Review & Motion Public Way Use Permit Lobbying: SSA Ordinance Support Letter

- Trash Can Program - Discussion / Timeline / RFP

Rebate / Grant Programs

- **Applications for Review**
 - o Facade Rebate - Completed
 - **Review & Motion:** 1959 W Chicago Ave - El Metro Cafe - \$6,750
- **Approved Facade Projects still in progress**
 - o Facade - 1001 W Chicago Ave - Urban Market - In process - \$15,000
 - Update: Construction almost finished.
 - o Façade – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.
 - Update: Construction has resumed and the facade construction should be finished by the week of May 10th.
- **Approved Security Projects still in progress**
 - o Security – 1721 W. Chicago Ave – Ice Cream Shoppe – In process.
 - Review & Approve Updates: Switching preferred quote from Comcast to ADT
 - o 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)
- **Approved Public Art Projects still in progress**
 - o Public Art - 1914 W Chicago Ave - West Town Bakery/Ouizi Mural - In Process.
 - Public art amount requested: \$10,821
 - OUIZI scheduled July 19-26th
- **Public Art Program**

- o Draft Constant Contact Email with Interest Forms:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uLXJdEH737E0P7UmH2Qh8aoWi5rUh_s_/view?usp=sharing
- o New Viaduct Mural Artist Interest form online :
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYzlTeny_UTU9nhXjEMI2PPObRx-QwOmj0_m_HbLysFI3shQ/viewform
- o New general Artist Interest form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5L0ByuiHSuhr4oK4wWP9AezeBzNePMPnpwYFIO7DFJmv0vw/viewform> and
- o Property Owner Interest form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMWVOZiy8NV140CY9bWawKN5Egfg09Kj2Eq1AJFuwgNI0TYw/viewform>
- o Encourage grants for murals and live art making during West Town Art Walk September 24/25 - announcement strategy / determine number of walls available
- o Mural registration with City?
https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/mural_registry.html

Programs Report

- Commercial Development Committee Meeting
 - o Thursday, July 8th at 9:15am via Zoom
- Member Mixer at On Tour Brewing (1725 W Hubbard St)
 - o Tuesday, July 13th from 5-7pm
- Dancing in the Streets - Vendor Applications due July 9th:
<https://www.westtownchamber.org/dancing-in-the-streets>
- West Town Art Walk - Applications due July 23rd:
<https://westtownchamberofcommerce.formstack.com/forms/2021wtaw>
 - o 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).

New Commissioner Recruitment / Term Limits

- SSA Commissioners having served over term limit will step down at end of year for at least one year / half of the Commission: Michael, Jenny, Chris, Sara, Steven
- Two year term limits / new Commissioners serving in January 2022 / rotate every two years
- 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)
- 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 invited to attend Public Forum and Committee meetings of interest until appointed.

Old Business

- Updated Public Art applications and artist / building owner sign up forms linked on website
- DCASE Neighborhood Access Program (NAP) grant application submitted to expand Public Art program outside of SSA boundaries
- Erin Ludwig hired as Economic Development Consultant through 2021

Next regular SSA Commission Meeting Date: **Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 10am (NO AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULED)**