

**Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 9:00am – 10:00am**

**Zoom Meeting:**

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**Meeting ID:** 882 7947 5691 | **Password:** 015860

Commissioners Present: David Israel, Joe Lombardo, Stan Razny  
Commissioners Absent: NA  
Others in Attendance: Gina Caruso (Oak St Council/The Lord Companies, LLC)

Minutes

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

- a. Lombardo called meeting to order at 9:05am.

**2. Public Input**

*No public present.*

**3. Security Program**

- a. The SSA Commission discussed security strategies, including street closure.
  - i. Israel reiterated that the Alderman's office was open to street closure per the Alderman's December 2020 memo. Issues such as deliveries, trash removal, access, etc. would need to be worked out. Restaurants may resist closure due to deliveries and valet.
  - ii. Razny stated the Alderman's office/CDOT may not be in favor of Oak St. is the main east/west access to Lake Shore Dr./Gold Coast. SSA Commission asked Caruso to investigate what it would take for CDOT to support the street closure.
  - iii. Lombardo stated the Alderman may be supportive to seasonal street closure since closing Rush St. worked well. SSA Commission would like to try a test street closure in 2022 if possible.
  - iv. Israel asked Caruso to research companies that could execute all the logistics of street closure. Razny stated he would talk with Rush St. businesses on their experience with street closure.
- b. The SSA Commission put a hold on pursuing a security patrol contract.
- c. Israel requested Caruso schedule a meeting/call with Ald. Reilly to discuss getting more police on Oak St.
- d. Regarding security cameras, Caruso reported Prada is pursuing exterior cameras. The SSA Commission will review/approve payment for the cameras prior to work performed. Caruso asked the SSA Commissioners for any other businesses needing cameras. Razny and Lombardo will walk the SSA and come up with recommendations.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- a. On acceptance of minutes for the following meeting:  
*Motion to accept August 23, 2021 minutes.*

**Motion:** Lombardo      **Second:** Israel  
**VOTE:** Approve – ALL      **Motion Passes.**

**5. Budget and Financial Report**

- a. Caruso reported that Big Buzz Idea Group was officially contracted by the Oak St. Council and is convening a meeting of the OSC and SSA Commission Treasurers along with Caruso to coordinate roles and the bookkeeping scope. Caruso reported that SSA tax levy dollars should start arriving any time now as they are due October 1.
- b. Israel requested that Caruso include the SSA budget be included in SSA Commission meeting packets for reference at meetings.

**6. Website Management Contract**

- a. Lombardo reviewed the Webbappclouds proposal for \$3,7000, which covers website design for \$3,500 and a \$100 monthly maintenance fee.  
*Motion to approve the Webappclouds proposal for \$3,700 and to shift \$1,700 from 1.04 Social Media Management to 1.01 Website for a total of \$3,700 for website expenses.*

**Motion:** Israel      **Second:** Razny  
**VOTE:** Approve – ALL      **Motion Passes.**

**7. Landscaping Contract and Holiday Decorations Program**

- a. Caruso opened discussion about the responses to the Landscaping RFP. The SSA Commission would prefer to bundle landscaping, holiday decorations and snow removal with one company to streamline services and with the intention of lowering costs.

**8. Strategic Planning Discussion**

- a. The SSA Commission had this discussion throughout the meeting.

**9. New Business**

- a. None.

**10. Future Oak St SSA Commission Meetings**

- a. The Commission scheduled a Special Meeting Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00am via Zoom.
- b. Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 9:00am via Zoom.

**11. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn at 10:15am*

**Motion:** Lombardo      **Second:** Israel

**VOTE:** Approve – All      **Motion:** Passes

**Minutes Submitted By:** Gina Caruso, SSA Program Manager

**Minutes Approved:** 9/29/21