

Oak St SSA #75 Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, August 20th, 2024 12:00pm – 1:30pm

In-Person: 109 E. Oak St. Chicago, IL 60611

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88279475691?pwd=cHFkcXFwaE1KTDBBZXIwcEdiWFhWQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 7947 5691 | Password: 015860

Commissioners Present In-Person: Duke Miglin, Pam Farley, Stan Razny
Commissioners Present Virtual: Rick Tannenbaum, David Israel
Others in Attendance In-Person: Gina Caruso (Oak St Council/The Lord Companies, L.L.C.)
Others in Attendance – Virtual: Robert Kearney, Ald. Reilly’s Office
Public in Attendance In-Person and/or Virtual: None

Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Razny called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

2. Public Input

- a. No public in attendance.

3. Approval of July 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

On acceptance of the July 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the July 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Farley **Second:** Miglin

VOTE: Approve – ALL **Motion Passes.**

4. SSA Financials

- a. There were no questions or comments regarding the June 2024 financials. Tannenbaum asked status of an SSA savings account and Caruso reported Oak Street Council is interviewing banks for options. Tannenbaum asked why first installment taxes are less than 55% of last year’s tax levy and to look at how many PINs are delinquent. Caruso will research and report back.

b. Approval of the amended 2024 Work Plan/Budget, the 2025 Work Plan/Budget and the Oak Street Council as the 2025 Sole Service Provider

On acceptance of the amended 2024 Work Plan/Budget, the 2025 Work Plan/Budget and the Oak Street Council as the 2025 Sole Service Provider

Motion to approve the amended 2024 Work Plan/Budget, the 2025 Work Plan/Budget and the Oak Street Council as the 2025 Sole Service Provider

Motion: Miglin **Second:** Farley

VOTE: Approve – ALL **Motion Passes.**

5. Customer Attraction

- a. Caruso reported that the Oak Street Council convened a second meeting with Oak Street business managers and the consensus is businesses will focus on Saturday, October 19 for Chicago Fashion Week involvement.
- b. The Commission asked about results from surveying businesses about the effectiveness of Couture for the Cause. Caruso reported qualitative results show businesses thought the lights helped business and some businesses had successful activations in their stores in October.

6. Public Way Aesthetics & Maintenance and Safety & Security

- a. The Commission deferred discussion and a decision on a Streetscape consultant to a future meeting.
- b. The Commission requested controlled access to Oak St. by the City during the DNC. Kearney stated he would reach out to OEMC and the CPD with this request.
- c. Kearny reported the City does not take funds to do electric work, so the Commission is not pursuing adding new electric service while the streets are torn up from the watermain project.
- d. The Commission discussed the possibility of armed guards during the DNC in the event the City's police/safety coverage is not robust enough. Caruso will get an estimate from HLSA Inc.
- e. Caruso stated the contractor was selected from the RFP process and the Commission decided to convene a special meeting to approve the contract on July 22, 2024.

7. New Business Agenda Items

- a. None

8. Next SSA Commission Meeting

- a. Tuesday, August 20, 2024 Noon-1:30pm Razny Jewelers 109 E Oak and Virtual as well as a Special Meeting before the end of June.

9. Adjourn

Approval of meeting adjournment

On acceptance of meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Farley **Second:** Miglin

VOTE: Approve – ALL **Motion Passes.**

Minutes prepared by: Gina Caruso

APPROVED 9/17/24