

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

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

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88279475691?pwd=cHFkcXFwaE1KTDBBZXlwcEdiWFhWQQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 7947 5691 | Password: 015860

Commissioners Present In-Person: Pam Farley, Duke Miglin, Stan Razny

Commissioners Present Virtual: Rick Tannenbaum, David Israel (Partial Attendance)

Others in Attendance In-Person: Gina Caruso (Oak St Council/The Lord Companies, L.L.C.),

Anthony Ollmann, ASAIA & Oak Street Council;

Others in Attendance – Virtual: Representatives from Gensler, MKSK Studios, Hoerr Schaudt, Site Design

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 January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- a. On acceptance of the January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Farley

Second: Miglin

VOTE: Approve – ALL

Motion Passes.

4. SSA Financials

Caruso reported that Almanza & Coombes, CPAs PLLC are conducting the 2023 Oak St SSA Audit and are targeted to have it completed by March 18. No further discussion about financials other than a review of the 2024 budget will be needed for shifting funds for security barriers and streetscape planning.

5. Customer Attraction

Caruso reported the ads are designed and completed for the Ateema Concierge Preferred magazine for 2024. Caruso will schedule the Concierge Ambassador visits before May. The SSA Commission discussed hosting a Concierge Appreciation event in 2024.

6. Safety & Security

- a. The Commission discussed the concrete bench proposal for installing approx. 50 concrete benches along Oak St. to mitigate crash and grabs. The Commission is open to funding the approx. \$50,000 initiative; however, want further research onto barrier options in addition to the concrete barriers that Chanel recently installed. Next step is for Caruso to research other barrier options and to get a final site plan completed with Robert Lopez of Graff who did the preliminary inventory. The Commission will convene a Special Meeting in the next three weeks to vote on the elements and funding.
- b. Caruso reported that HLSA, Inc. was asked to provide additional security Saturday, March 16th 8am-2pm in light of St. Patrick's Day activities downtown.
- c. Israel suggested Caruso work with Robert Lopez of Graff to convene a meeting of security managers of Oak St. stores.

7. Public Way & Traffic

- a. Caruso reported she is meeting with the City team working on the watermain project on Oak St. to confirm scope and how it will impact the street and tenants.
- b. The Oak St. Streetscape Proposal Finalists were interviewed by the SSA Commission: Gensler, Hoerr Schaudt, MKSK Studios, and Site Design.
- c. The SSA Commission recognizes the importance of selection the best fit for the Streetscape planning. On acceptance of the motion to approve \$9,000 (\$3,000/firm) for Oak St. Streetscape Visioning Planning to help the SSA Commission make a final decision on a planning firm.

Motion to accept \$9,000 of Streetscape Planning Funds

Motion: Miglin

Second: Farley

VOTE: Approve – ALL

Motion Passes

Absent: Israel

8. New Meeting Business

- a. No new business

9. Next Oak St SSA Commission Meeting

- a. Tuesday, April 16th 109 E. Oak St. and Via Zoom

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn Miglin/Farley Adjourned at 1:45pm. APPROVED

Minutes Submitted By: Gina Caruso, SSA Program Manager
APPROVED 4/16/24