

Special Service Area #61
SSA Board of Commissioners Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present: Greg Guttman, Angie Marks, Charles Newsome, Mary Rogel, George Rumsey, Nancy Stanek, Eric Thompson, and Wendy Williams

Absent: Anthony Beach

Also Present: Daniel Bezinovich (Spin Scooter), Brandon Evans (SSA Program Administrator), Diane Burnham (SECC), Jourdan Sorrell (SECC), Alderman Sophia King (4th Ward), Prentice Butler (4th Ward), Kimberly Webb (5th Ward). Stephanie Franklin (Nichols Park) and Aaron Gettinger (Herald Newspaper)

A quorum being present, Chairman Rumsey called the meeting of SSA #61 to order at 11:05 a.m. ***Pursuant to the applicable law and his determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical nor prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, this meeting was conducted by videoconference.***

Reading/Approval of the Minutes:

June 23, 2020 – minutes accepted as corrected

July 7, 2020 – Special budget-approval meeting – minutes accepted as circulated

SSA Financials – B. Evans

Budget tracker is accurate and up to date and will be included along with the monthly financial reporting. Financials statements have been circulated.

Special Presentation: Spin Scooter – Daniel Bezinovich

Their mission is to give people the freedom to move-to discover, meet, learn and experience mor of the world around us at a moment’s notice – bringing people, communities, and their urban environment closer together.

Spin in Chicago:

- Pilot program will operate in Chicago from August 12th – December 3rd 2020
- Hours of operations (office): 5AM-10PM
- \$1 to unlock + \$0.39/minute
- Several requirements that have to be met to operate within the city

Operations during COVID 19

Spin is currently operating in 70 markets (cities and campuses) across the United States

Street Initiatives

- Works in concert with community activities/initiatives to help people navigate intersections safely, help in reclaiming space from cars, advocating for safe streets, first and last mile safety, scaling quick-build, making the physical case for bike lanes, sustainability
- Reduced wear and tear on the roads

Spin Access

- A program has been implemented directly targeting customers with limited income. The cost of the rental will be half of the regular rental rate. Required identification accepted are SNAP card, court summons, government identification, i.e. driver's license, etc., utility bills. The scooters are marketed as the first/last mile access for transportation.
- Support from local partners
- Prepaid gift cards – community partners can be a location where residents can sign up and facilitate cash transactions for those without bank accounts.

Spin Safety

- Standardized sanitation protocols
- Frequently sanitize scooters
- PPE/physical distancing/reduce contact between colleagues

Questions/Comments/Concerns:

Commissioner Newsome, safety concerns – are the scooters allowed on the streets? [To his knowledge, not on the sidewalk. Expected to be used in the bike lanes, however Daniel didn't have any data he could refer to and would reach out to his colleagues and share information that may be available on the usage.](#)

Commissioner Rogel – how many are “abandoned” at a location? [The scooters are monitored, and SPIN is required to send a daily report to the City on the scooter locations. The scooters cannot stay dormant in one location for long as the battery must be charged.](#)

Chairman Rumsey – what should one do should they see a scooter being misused? [If you suspect inappropriate behavior/operation of a scooter, contact the operations team to](#)

report the incident. They will monitor the area more frequently. To counteract this SPIN will provide more education on the proper usage of the scooters and contact chambers of commerce/community organizations to spread the word on scooter education.

TIF/SSA – Alderman King, 4th Ward

Alderman King briefed the Commissioners on the TIF funds and believes the SSA should be reimbursed. The wish/bucket list of projects include infrastructure, streetscape, viaducts, parks.

Commissioner Williams inquired if there have been conversations between the 4th and 5th wards regarding the use of the funds. Ald. King stated there was an initial meeting to discuss the thought process around the distribution of funds. Additional meetings will be scheduled to further discuss.

The TIF expires in 2025.

Framework rollout – what can work. Need to remember there are 6 advisory councils throughout the ward.

Chairman Rumsey, Commissioner Williams, Diane, Brandon, and Jim Poueymirou will meet with the 4th ward office and report back to the larger group. Will meet with 5th ward as well.

Overall the commissioners thought this was really good news.

Reopen Rebate Reboot Program – C. Newsome, Chair and B. Evans

Fifteen applications have been filed, 8 processed to date. Since funds have not been exhausted, the program will be extended to the end of the year.

Hyde Park Cares and SSA websites –HP Cares website in preliminary version and SSA website needs to be updated. Send suggestions to Brandon. Chairman Rumsey likes that the colors from the DTHP website were used in a new way.

Commissioners Applications – B. Evans and R. Vance

Some applications are still incomplete. Brandon will be reaching out to those individuals. Commissioner Williams suggested reaching out to the local property owners to contact their tenants to see if any of them are willing/interested in participating as a commissioner.

Commissioner Rogel suggested that Open Produce and Thai 55 would be good candidates. Commissioner Stanek will follow up with Bruce Wesley, Commissioner Rogel with Thai 55, and Commissioner Newsome with Pearle Vision and Cedars.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Rogel – Inquired about the viaduct cleaning. Commissioner Williams suggested that Brandon contact the 5th Ward Sanitation department for viaduct cleaning.

Questions and Comments from Guests

None

The meeting was adjourned 12:36 pm. The next regular meeting is for Tuesday September 22nd, 7:00pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting Chicago, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymonde Vance, Secretary, SSA 61