

**SSA 48 Old Town – Regular Commission Meeting
Moody Bible Church (1635 N LaSalle Drive, Room 103)
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
5:30pm**

Minutes

Commissioners and Staff present: Ian M Tobin, Mary McMahan, Dino Lubbat, Peter O’Brien, Mark Proesel, Judy Erwin, and Don Klugman

Commissioners Absent: Caroline Schoenberger

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:39pm by Peter O’Brien.

Roll Call

Quorum

Public note: Commissioner David Stone has resigned from the SSA #48 since the last meeting.

Introduction of Guests

Jennifer Tremblay, Alex Christenson, Bob Friedman, Captain Salmon, Officer Gibson

Review of DRAFT MINUTES from SSA 48 Commission Meeting on 04/11/2018

- a. **MOTION TO APPROVE 04/11/18 SSA 48 Commission Meeting Minutes. Ms. Erwin. Seconded by Mr. Klugman. The motion carries.**

Financial Report

Mr. Proesel reported on SSA #48 Old Town’s Financials as of June 31, 2018. The finances of the SSA are progressing through 2018 as expected. Revenue from the levy is on pace and expenditures so far are still in budget. The 2017 EAV, which is currently being paid to SSA 48, has been certified by the County and City to be 5.23% higher than previously estimated.

As of the end of Q2

Income: \$97,627.14

Expenditures

Advertising and Promotion: \$817.00
Operational & Administrative Support: \$18,920.00
Public Way Maintenance: \$22,536.91
Public Way Aesthetics: \$0.00
Parking/Transit/Accessibility: \$2,851.25
Safety Programs: \$16,027.25
District Planning: \$17,640.00
Total Expenses: \$82,317.36

Net Position: \$14,741.28

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Mr. Peter O’Brien, Chairman

1. Discussion on SSA Reconstitution Process
 - a. Mr. Tobin gave a report on the current standings of the SSA reconstitution process. The draft submission for the reconstitution was submitted on June 15. The 10% of support signatures were met. By the end of the month, the last 10% of signatures will be met. There have been 115 residents that have been enthusiastic and supportive of the commission.
2. Discussion on Legal Description for SSA Reconstitution Draft Application
 - a. This is the survey that was necessary for the report and submission. It is the legal description of the SSA #48.
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE payment of \$2,650 to Chicago Guarantee Survey for legal description services rendered for the SSA reconstitution (4.09). Mr. Proesel moves. Seconded by Mr. Erwin. The motion carries.**
3. Discussion on the 2019 Workplan and Budget
 - a. Mr. Tobin walked through the upcoming 2019 budget to the commission. These suggestions that will be budgeted came from the survey and the commission’s recommendations. Increases can be seen in public way aesthetics and public safety.
 - b. **MOTION TO APPROVE the SSA 48 2019 Workplan and Budget. Mr. Klugman. Seconded by Mr. Lubbat moves. The motion carries.**
4. Discussion on the 2019 Sole Service Provider
 - a. Mr. Tobin spoke to the history of the OTMRA as the sole service provider for the SSA #48.
 - c. **MOTION TO APPROVE the Old Town Merchants and Residents Association as the Sole Service Provider for 2019. Mr. Proesel moves. Seconded by Mr. Erwin moves. The motion carries.**

Communications Committee – Mr. Don Klugman, Committee Chair

1. Discussion of WSAF Barricade Banner Purchases
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE payment of \$750.00 to OTMRA for a renewal of nine (9) barricade banners as sponsorship for the Wells Street Art Festival (1.08). Ms. Erwin moves. Seconded by Mr. Proesel. The motion carries.**
2. Discussion of OTMRA Street Pole Banner Purchases
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE the purchase of six (6) street pole banners from the OTMRA totaling \$1,250 (1.08). Ms. Erwin moves. Seconded by Mr. Klugman. The motion carries.**
3. Mr. Tobin and Ms. McMahon spoke about the rebranding and new website and thanked Mr. Klugman and Mr. Lubbat for their contribution. Ms. McMahon spoke about the open rate for emails and social media engagement.

Residential Committee – Mr. Mark Proesel, Committee Chair

1. Discussion of security service for 2018
 - a. Representatives from AGB gave a presentation on safety updates for the Old Town neighborhood. There have been six arrests made since March. There were 22 CPD assists. There were 7 reports of escorting individuals outside of the establishments. Captain Salmon reported on additional statistics of crime. He noted that there has been an increase of fake 911 calls to the neighborhood. There have been a rash of pick pocketers, and they are currently working on breaking up a ring that has been targeting intoxicated men. There have been some aggressive panhandling and they recently caught an extremely aggressive individual. CPD has noted that some of the regular panhandlers know the schedule of when CPD and AGB are working. Captain Salmon noted that he would like to reintroduce himself to more businesses in the area. CPD has noted that they back away from patrolling when they know AGB is around, which is the opposite of what is wanted to occur.
 - b. Mr. O’Brien noted that the OTMRA president should be visiting the new commander and bring up these notes from AGB about these issues.

- c. Mr. Lubbat asked additional questions regarding the fake 911 calls. Commander Salmon went into detail about why these calls are happening, how they are anonymous, and how the AGB answers to any 911 calls within the SSA area.
- d. Ms. Erwin noted that the CPD should not lessen the presence of our neighborhood. Mr. O'Brien noted that there was a joint safety meeting for the neighborhood and has noticed there has been some more presence.

Public Way Committee – Mr. Dino Lubbat, Committee Chair

1. Discussion on pressure washing services for the 2018 Wells Street Art Festival
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE a reimbursement of \$4,000 to the OTMRA for pressure washing services rendered following the 2018 Wells Street Art Festival (2.12). Ms. Erwin moves. Seconded by Mr. Proesel. The motion carries.**
2. Discussion on 2018 landscaping contract
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE a reimbursement of \$15,084.50 to the OTMRA for landscaping within the SSA (2.02). Ms. Erwin moves. Seconded by Mr. Proesel. The motion carries.**
3. Discussion on 2018 Chicago Sculpture Exhibit
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE payment of \$3,500 for the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit (2.06). Mr. Klugman moves. Seconded by Mr. Erwin. The motion carries.**
 - b. Mr. Klugman noted that the sculptor is the father of a tenant of his. Adducci is the name of the artist and he has a studio on Sedgwick.
4. Discussion on Old Town Gate Upgrades
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE up to \$14,000 to upgrade the Old Town Gates on within the SSA (2.06). Ms Erwin moves. Seconded by Mr. Proesel. The motion carries.**
5. Discussion on Planter Maintenance
 - a. **MOTION TO APPROVE payment of \$400 to Old Town Gardens for maintenance of planters within the SSA (2.02). Ms Erwin moves. Seconded by Mr. Klugman. The motion carries.**
6. Mr. Lubbat noted that money was budgeted in expenditures for this year.

New Business

Mr. Lubbat noted that we will be inviting Clean Slate for the next meeting on Oct. 11. Mr. Tobin noted that they will be wearing vests with the new SSA #48 logo.

Mr. Friedman asked if there will be designated areas for Ubers and Lyfts. Mr. Lubbat noted that the City will not allow this. We have had conversations with these companies to alleviate this. They had a lot of ideas about this with shifting traffic and drop off points. There is a splash page after certain hours to encourage good behavior from the riders.

There was comments regarding the U-turns in the neighborhood.

Adjournment

Mr. Lubbat made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. Erwin. The motion carries and the meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.