

Chatham Business Association, SBDI Service Provider for SSA #51 800 E. 78th St. Chicago, Illinois 60619

(SSA) Area #51 Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 19, 2024 – 6:00. p.m.
Location: Chatham Business Association, SBDI Service Provider for SSA #51
800 E. 78th St. Chicago, Illinois 60619

YouTube Meeting Link: https://youtu.be/gCAybhcpTTM?si=zX5JOBPoCrgPRFbr

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Jennipher Adkins, Interim Executive Director of Chatham Business Association.

SSA Commissioners in attendance were: Patricia McCoy (Help-at-Home), Clarence Glover (Majestic Florist), Veronica Clarke (TCA Health), Jackie Jackson (KILWINS/FATBURGER).

SSA Staff in attendance were: Jennipher Adkins, Interim Executive Director, Charles Edwards, Chief IT Ambassador, Cliff Bonner, Field Program Manager, Gloria Jenkins, SSA Manager, Richard Willis, Human Resources Director

Meeting Commencement: 6: 00 p.m.

Summary of Discussions:

Welcome/Opening Remarks by Jennipher Adkins: Jennipher warmly welcomed all the attendees and proceeded with "roll call". First Quarter Minutes were presented and approved.

Review of 2nd Quarter Service Report:

Presented by Jennipher Adkins, Interim Executive Director:

Calendars were shared with commissioners & they are notified that the draft budget isn't completed.

As of June 7th, 2024 A list was uploaded to "Sharepoint" that included the names of CBA Board members, retaining parties, commissioners, & certificates of good standing & insurance.

Commissioners are informed about the 6th Ward Hope & Career Fair calendar for their participation.

"2024 SSA #51 Commissioners Open Meetings Calendar" is shown. Jennipher lets commissioners know she will contact them before the September 18th meeting for approval of the budget. A special meeting may be called.

Chicago State Interns will be working on a database for SSA #51 to help combat vacancy abatements.

Updates on public way aesthetics and potential holiday decorations.

Details about upcoming events.

CBA partially operating out of the Walmart Academy (meetings, etc.)

"Introductory Guide to City Services" is presented to commissioners.

Closer of "Happy Liquors" is discussed.

It is announced that "Gloria Jenkins" is the new SSA #51 Manager.

Corridor Report: (Public Way Maintenance and Aesthetics) Presented by Cliff Borner, Field Manager:

Car accident on 82nd and Cottage Grove that has affected SSA #51 business "Jerk It Iz" & required a window board up. Convenience store next to FATBURGER is open until 3am and has a lot of foot traffic.

"Kids Foot Locker" now has 24 hour security after they close due to theft.

Updates on public works initiatives.

Aesthetic enhancements in the public way.

Street Cleaning

900 bags (55 Gallon bags) of garbage were collected. This equates to, 49,500 Gallons of garbage have been collected and removed from the streets of SSA #51 in the last three months. We one two street cleaning staff member and rehired a previous staff member.

Areas within the SSA #51 that were cleaned include: 75th Street (Indiana to Drexel), 79th Street (Cottage to 95th Street), 79th Street (Greenwood to Indiana), Cottage Grove (75th Street to 95th Street), and Vacant lots located on 75th Street, 79th Street, 95th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

New Business and Future Plans Discussed by Jennipher Adkins:

The 2024 SSA #51 Facade Rebate Guidelines and Application are discussed.

Business Marketing, Corridor Outreach, & Beautification Discussed by Jennipher Adkins:

June 11th "USPTO Pro- Bono Program" flier is presented & bootcamp is discussed.

June Business of the Month - Sizzlin' Skillet

April Member Meeting- Argonne

May Member Meeting- Airport Concessionaire Certification. Next year businesses who received their certification and are at O'Hare Airport will be promoted.

May Business of the Month-Majestic Florist

Conclusion:

Jennipher Adkins expressed gratitude towards all attendees for their active participation and looked forward to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:29 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Office Manager, Lourinda Chandler

Executive Director(Int), Jennipher Adkins

Chairman, Veta Charles