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# **BELMONT-CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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SSA #2 Commissioners' Meeting  
5534 W. Belmont Avenue  
May 22, 2018, 2pm

*Commissioners Present:* Mike Valenti, Darlene Ortiz, Zbigniew Kruczalak, Kelly Rauch, John Toumplis, Mark Roschen (DPD-Ex Officio)

*Commissioners Absent:* None

*Others Present:* Paul Reise (DPD), Jessica Gutierrez (Community Member/Candidate), Roman Sokolov (Electronic Engineers), Reid Mackin (BCCC), Mary Ann Miller (Nextdoor Social Network), Larry Lynch (Coldwell Banker), Teresa Kovacs (Central Pharmacy), David Potete (Northwest Community Church), Gary Harrity, Sr. (BCCC), Peter Borowski, Gale Harrity (Harrity's Sports Bar), George Frei (BCCC) Michael Caldarulo (BCCC).

## **Quorum & Meeting Minutes**

With six commissioners present, a quorum was determined to exist. Kelly asked for the April minutes to be amended to include in the "New Business" a reference to the SSA considering a pilot program to provide security cameras in 2019. Kelly motioned to accept the amended April minutes; Zbigniew seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

## **Finances**

Two financial statements were presented: (1) 2018 Actual vs. Budget; (2) 2019 Proposed Budget. Kelly questioned how the amounts for the landscaping and phone service were determined. Reid said it was based on historical usage and current contracts. Mark suggested that the draft budget be amended to include amounts of \$100 each in Categories One (Customer Attraction), Four (Economic & Business Development), and Five (Safety Programs). Mike motioned to accept the proposed 2019 budget as amended; John seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by three votes in the affirmative (Mike, Darlene, John) and two votes in opposition (Kelly, Zbigniew).

## **New Business**

Kelly presented the idea of charging a day-rate @ the B-C Garage and using the revenue for business safety and enhancement such as security cameras and better landscaping and sidewalk-cleaning. Mark said the maximum charge without triggering the City's parking tax would be \$2 per day. In addition, Mark said that SSA #2 would not jeopardize its exemption from the prohibition of using SSA funds to subsidize parking by instituting a charge at the B-C Garage. Based on a visual count of 2100

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vehicles entering the B-C Garage during one week, theoretically over \$4000 per week could be raised for other projects.

Mike *motioned*: (1) to continue the visual vehicle count for one more month; (2) to research collection methods and enforcement; (3) to contract with professional consultants as necessary. Kelly *seconded* the motion, and it was *approved* unanimously.

Draft bylaws for the Belmont-Central SSA Commission were distributed for review.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned following the departures of Ziggy, Darlene and Mike.