

BELMONT-CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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SSA #2 Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 2pm
Zoom teleconference @ 5534 W. Belmont Avenue
Meeting ID: 850 0702 6771
PassCode: 482437

Commissioners Present: Darlene Ortiz, Carola del Rosario, Henry Luna
Commissioner via Zoom

Commissioner Absent: Marilyn Del Valle, Mark Roschen (DPD-Ex Officio)

Others Present: Reid Mackin (BCCC), Mike Planthaber (Board Member), Michael Caldarulo (BCCC), Piotr Borowski (BCCC), Nancy Gonzalez (Office of Alder-elect Ruth Cruz), Marco Mendez (Office of State Rep. Delgado)

Others via Zoom: Joy Coombes (A&C, LLC), David Potete

Due to the ongoing pandemic and in the interest of general health and safety, the meeting was conducted both in –person and recorded online via Zoom.

Public Participation

Third-shift attendant Piotr recommended installing as many as 18 speed-bumps in the BC Parking Facility in order to reduce cars accelerating in the garage. Piotr also recommended rebuilding the entire Central Avenue stairwell due to severe deterioration. In addition, an electrical panel that controls the exit signs and the 24-hour lights needs to be serviced because the relay switch is burned out.

Quorum & Meeting Minutes

With three commissioners present, a quorum was determined to exist. Darlene motioned to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes; Carola seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

Administration

Henry Luna was welcomed as the newest SSA #2 commissioner. One vacancy remains. 2023 City and County Statements of Financial Interest are due by May 1.

Finances

Joy presented the draft 2022 audit. Darlene motioned to approve the 2022 audit; Carola seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously

First Quarter Balance sheet and Expenses versus Budget were presented as well as the Fourth Quarter Expenses versus 2022. Carola motioned to approve the first quarter SSA Worksheet; Darlene seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

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A draft of the 2024 budget was presented. Reid recommended raising the levy by 3.5% which is less than the 5% inflation rate expected in 2023. Much of the increase is due to City-mandated raises in the minimum wage. The draft will be submitted to the City's Department of Planning & Development (DPD) by June 2, and the commissioners will have an opportunity to vote for a final budget at the July meeting.

Other/New Business

Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce remains the interim service provider for Six Corners SSA 28-2014 until a permanent provider is selected. Being the service provider at Six Corners has no impact on services at Belmont Central.

Adjournment

Darlene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.; Carola seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.