



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Special Service Area #17**  
**October 18, 2023**  
**Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce**  
**In Person and via (Zoom) Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**IN PERSON:** Jim Schuman, David Gassman, David Blitz, Jeanne Saliture, Eric Kirsammer,

**ZOOM:** John Bucksbaum, David Blitz, Jeanne Saliture, Andrew Rizzo and Todd Hyatt

**EXCUSED:** Juliana Montebello-Roman

**STAFF:** Maureen Martino and Nata Wier

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jeanne Saliture called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion to approve the October 18, 2023, meeting agenda by David Gassman and seconded by Erik Kirsammer and was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 12, 2023, by Erik Kirsammer and seconded by John Bucksbaum and was unanimously approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Maureen Martino presented the Treasurer's report and noted that we are still waiting for the tax collection funds to be received. M. Martino noted that we are at the lowest tax cap and will review during the reconstruction to raise the tax cap that is more in line with other districts.

A motion to approve the financial report as presented by Maureen Martino by David Gassman and seconded by Andrew Rizzo; was unanimously approved. A motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter worksheet from the work plan, which quantifies the deliverables and metrics for the city's spending was made by David Gassman and seconded by Andrew Rizzo and was unanimously approved.

**SOLE SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES:**

**MAINTENANCE:** Maureen Martino reviewed the maintenance report and noted that the crew has been doing daily maintenance of the routes and power washing specific problem areas. All the equipment is maintained and in working order. The crew has been removing graffiti on the routes and contacting the city to remove any graffiti they cannot. Winter hats and gloves have been ordered for the season.

**2023**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Jim Schuman, Chair**  
Berlin Nightclub

**David Blitz**  
BlitzLake Partners

**John Bucksbaum**  
Bucksbaum Retail  
Properties

**David Gassman**  
DLG Development

**Todd Hyatt**  
Trader Todd's

**Eric Kirsammer**  
Chicago Comics

**Juliana Montebello-  
Roman**  
PR Italian Bistro

**Jeanne Saliture**  
Resident

**Andrew Rizzo**  
Rizzo's Bar and Inn

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Chamber of  
Commerce is an  
Illinois 501(c)6 not-  
for-profit corporation  
and is the 2021 Sole  
Service Provider for  
Special Service Area  
#17.

**CRIME AND SAFETY:** Maureen Martino noted that there was an incident recently with a bullet hole over at Vines and issues with the Bucket Boys asking for money and scamming people. There have been some burglaries happening in the area over on Clark Street. M. Martino noted that if we see things, we will need to address them right away. She also noted the restaurant inside The Hotel Collection has been shut down. In addition, the owner of the Hotel Collection has been operating as an Air B and B and this could be a potential safety issue for guests. There has been very limited security for this hotel.

**RECONSTITUTION:** Maureen Martino noted that we will be reconstituting next year.

**FAÇADE REBATES:** No new facades currently.

**MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS:**

Maureen Martino provided an update to the commissioners highlighting the successful conclusion of our recent events and the Entertainment guide is almost completed. In addition, M. Martino informed the Commissioners that we will be doing the holiday decorations. We are looking at cutting back on planters for 2024. Furthermore, she announced the commencement of Giver's Gift in November and the upcoming Shopper's Extravaganza on Saturday, December 2nd.

**BEAUTIFICATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:**

Maureen Martino discussed a meeting she attended for the CTA RPM Project. She went on to mention that she has been trying to work with them about the sale of parcels and the commercial spaces within the business district. A discussion occurred regarding working with the Alderman's office to help develop the business district.

An updated vacancy listing was provided in the packet and Maureen Martino went on to discuss new businesses, closures and coming soon businesses. The "Lease in Lakeview" website has been doing well and vacancies are down in our area.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by David Blitz was unanimously approved and Jim Schuman adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.