



2024

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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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Meeting Minutes
Special Service Area #17
May 15, 2024
Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce
In Person

ATTENDANCE:

IN PERSON: Jim Schuman, John Bucksbaum, David Gassman, Eric Kirsammer, Andrew Rizzo, Juliana Montebello – Roman, Jeanne Saliture, and David Blitz

ZOOM: Todd Hyatt

STAFF: Maureen Martino, Nata Wier

GUESTS: Jessica Papp, Alderman Lawson's Office representation and Representative providing public comments regarding 954 W. Belmont

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Schuman called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Public comments occurred regarding 954 W. Belmont and the issue they have with the upcoming purchase of 954 W. Belmont. A statement was read, and a discussion ensued. Jim Schuman assured them that they have the support of the Chamber and that this is an inclusive neighborhood.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion to approve the meeting agenda by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by Juliana Montebello-Roman and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2024, by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by Juliana Montebello-Roman and was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Maureen Martino presented the 2024 financial reports and 2025 Budget. Maureen noted that the tax collections are coming in. A discussion ensued and a motion to approve the 2024 financial report by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by Juliana Montebello – Roman and was unanimously approved.

M. Martino reviewed the 2025 budget report and a motion to approve by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by Juliana Montebello-Roman and was unanimously approved. M. Martino added that we added additional funds for crosswalks. We received funding from Senator Feigenholtz office and will add in additional funds to support the crosswalks.

SOLE SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES:

MAINTENANCE: Maureen Martino reviewed the maintenance report included in the packet. Vehicles are all in good working condition. The pressure washing is going to be starting in the area and we will do spot pressure washing.

COMMISSIONER APPLICATIONS: Working on submission of documents.

SECURITY: Security is going to begin in the area. There was a recent shooting in the area.

FAÇADE REBATES:

Chicago Comics total \$3298.00; 60% rebate approval of \$1,978.80 by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by Juliana Montebello-Roman and was unanimously approved.

Noori Chicken rebate total cost \$8,826.51; 60% of the rebate amount of \$5,295.91 motion to approve by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by Juliana Montebello-Roman and was unanimously approved.

Howard Brown rebate approval received total amount of rebate for over \$100K in work in the amount of \$12,000.00 and a motion to approve by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by Juliana Montebello-Roman and was unanimously approved.

MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS:

Belmont Sheffield Music Festival is coming up on Friday, May 24 – 26, 2024.

We are running a commercial for Wrigleyville.

We received a grant for Tourism and are working to target outlying areas for tourism.

Working on Kiosks.

BEAUTIFICATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

Maureen Martino discussed the vacancy listing which was provided in the packet and Maureen Martino went on to discuss new businesses, closures and coming soon businesses.

New Business:

Jim Schuman is in the process of selling his business on Belmont. Berlin is up for sale.

Jeanne Saliture is going to move into the role of Chair and a motion to be approved by Julian Montebello-Roman and seconded by Andrew Rizzo and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: A Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeanne Saliture and seconded by Todd Hyatt and was unanimously approved and Jim Schuman adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.