



**Lakeview East
Special Service Area #8
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2024**

ATTENDANCE:

In Person - Paul Loaiza, Kelly Konstas, Tony Klok, Sam Giarratano, Jake Elkins-Ryan, Bob Smith and Bill Shepard

Zoom:, Diane Tanio

Staff: Maureen Martino and Nata Wier

CALL TO ORDER: Paul Loaiza called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion to approve the meeting agenda by Bill Shepard seconded by Jake Elkins-Ryan and was unanimously approved.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 2024, by Bill Shepard and seconded by Jake Elkins-Ryan and was unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Maureen Martino presented the 2024 Financial report. A discussion ensued and a motion to approve the financial report and balance sheet as presented, by Bill Shepard and seconded by Jake Elkins-Ryan and was unanimously approved. Maureen went on to discuss a Capital project whereby we received 75K in funding to enhance the crosswalks. A discussion ensued to provide additional funding towards the crosswalks. The 75K will be split between the two SSA's. More information will be forthcoming.

2025 Budget: Maureen Martino discussed the 2025 Budget and the increase in maintenance costs and streetscape elements to supplement the crosswalks. A discussion ensued regarding the tax rate and the reconstitution of SSA#8. A motion to approve by Jake Elkins Ryan and seconded by Bill Shepard and was unanimously approved.

SOLE SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

Maintenance: A maintenance report was included in the meeting packet and Maureen Martino noted that there has been an increase in graffiti, and we have been working with Community service staff.

Commissioner Applications: Have been submitted to the city. We are looking at changing the terms in our By-Laws to extend the length of the commission terms. A discussion ensued to discuss the term length and update the bylaws accordingly to eliminate the need to complete applications every year. Maureen will check with Mark Roschen on the maximum length of time for a commission.

Façade Application: Chicago Apartment Place completed (phase II). A motion to approve the previously submitted application in the amount of \$6,000.00 by Jake Elkins Ryan and seconded by Bill Shepard and was unanimously approved.

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Marketing and Events:

Maureen Martino discussed the supper club at Maison Marcel. Approximately 65 attendees participated, and it was well received.

Crime and Safety: Maureen Martino discussed the issue over at the Walgreens with the homeless outside. She noted that we went to court and were able to detain one of the individuals that has been causing many issues in the area.

Maureen Martino noted that the Community and Entertainment Guides are available online. We are working on updating the Alfresco guide.

The vacancy listing was included in the meeting packet and M. Martino noted the reduction of many vacant store fronts. Leaseinlakeview.com link is up and running and is getting good traction. Maureen Martino went on to discuss the openings and closing in the area.

Murals: Maureen Martino discussed the vacant space next to Bottles Up 3162 N Broadway and the discussion to put up a mural on the construction site enclosure. The cost would be \$7,000 and a motion to approve a cap of \$2,500 by Jake Elkins-Ryan and seconded by Bill Shepard and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bill Shepard and seconded by Jake Elkins-Ryan was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.