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DLG Development

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Ivy's Trees

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Meeting Minutes
Special Service Area #17
May 28, 2026
Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce

ATTENDANCE: Eric Kirsammer, Jeanne Saliture, Todd Hyatt, David Gassman, Andrew Rizzo and Todd Hyatt

ZOOM: Jennifer Dedes – Nowak

STAFF: Maureen Martino and Nata Wier

CALL TO ORDER: Jeanne Saliture called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion to approve May 28th meeting agenda by Eric Kirsammer and seconded by David Gassman and was unanimously approved.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting minute approval for March 27, 2026 meeting by Andrew Rizzo and seconded by Erik Kirsammer and was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Maureen Martino presented the financial report and provided updates noting the financial difficulties due to delayed tax bills, necessitating a potential of borrowing funds to sustain operations until tax revenues are received.

Maureen Martino presented the 2027 “draft” budget and a motion to approve by Eric Kirsammer and seconded by David Gassman and was unanimously approved.

FACADE REBATES: A facade rebate in the amount of \$4,992.00 for Apothecary Lounge was discussed and presented and a motion to approve by Todd Hyatt and seconded by David Gassman was unanimously approved.

SOLE SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES:

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: Maureen Martino reviewed the maintenance report and noted we may look at purchasing a used John Deere. We will be working on getting quotes for a vehicle.

COMMISSIONER APPLICATIONS: A need for two more commissioners was discussed and applications will be sent to prospective commissioners.

CRIME AND SAFETY: Maureen Martino discussed various safety issues.

MARKETING and PROMOTIONS: Maureen Martino discussed the Belmont Sheffield Music festival and noted that patrons are not playing at the games. We will need to rethink how we divide funding up.

BEAUTIFICATION and BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Maureen Martino discussed the vacancy listing and noted the openings of several new businesses. Updates were provided on local businesses.

Clark Street Festival September 26 and September 27th. Wing Festival will be taking place at Wrigley and we have a concern about the sound levels.

Executive Director Report

Maureen Martino discussed the City of Chicago sound ordinance and ongoing efforts to allow amplified sound on patios within the district by pursuing recognition as an entertainment district.

Maureen Martino also provided an update regarding sidewalk café applications, noting that several businesses were denied approval despite submitting information consistent with prior years. As a result, affected businesses are being required to revise their sidewalk layouts and resubmit their applications.

Landscaping Update Maureen Martino reported that LandCare has been engaged as the landscaping contractor and is scheduled to begin installing flowers throughout the district next week.

ADJOURNMENT: A Motion to adjourn the meeting by David Gassman and seconded by Andrew Rizzo and was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.