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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Special Service Area #17**  
**May 4, 2022**  
**Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce**  
**In Person and via (Zoom) Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:** Jeanne Saliture, Todd Hyatt, Eric Kirsammer, David Blitz, Juliana Montebello-Roman, Andrew Rizzo, David Gassman, and Henry Schuppert

**STAFF:** Maureen Martino, Nata Wier

**GUESTS:** Michael Raffety, J. Coombes, Eilts & Assoc., Tom Walsh Sr., and Tom Walsh, Jr. Protexa

**ABSENT:** Jim Schuman

**CALL TO ORDER:** Maureen mentioned that in the absence of Jim Schuman, Nata Wier would start the meeting at 10:05 AM.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion to approve the 05/04/22 meeting agenda by Jeanne Saliture seconded by David Gassman was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes of 02/02/22 by Jeanne Saliture, seconded by Juliana Montebello- Roman was unanimously approved.

**2021 AUDIT REVIEW AND APPROVAL's:** N. Wier introduced Joy Coombes from Eilts and Associates. A review of the 2021 audit ensued. A review of the audit document included in the financial package by Joy Coombes, concluded favorable findings and a motion to approve the audit by Henry Schuppert and seconded by David Gassman was unanimously approved.

A motion for approval of the 2022 Q1 SSA Work Plan by Henry Schuppert and seconded by Jeanne Saliture

A motion for approval to pay Dave Canavan for snow removal in the amount of 35K by Todd Hyatt and seconded by Jeanne Saliture was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the Façade rebate for Underground Lounge located at 952 W. Newport by John Bucksbaum and seconded by Jeanne Saliture was unanimously approved.

**SOLE SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES:**

**SECURITY AND SAFETY:** M. Martino introduced Tom Walsh Jr. of Protexa security. Tom discussed the activity in the neighborhood and reported on various incidents. M. Martino went on to discuss conversations with the 19<sup>th</sup> district and a concern for the violence. Car jackings are on the rise along with shootings. Protexa has increased their presence in various locations to ensure the safety of the community. A discussion ensued to work with Uber to provide pedestrian pick up in an alternate location that is safe for staff working in the area.

**MAINTENANCE:** N. Wier reported the maintenance crew has been doing a good job cleaning the area. M. Martino applied for a grant that would supplement workforce management through the Fall. We will keep you posted on approval.

**MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS:** M. Martino mentioned upcoming events to include: The Belmont Sheffield Music Festival on May 28<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>. We did not receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. We had a St Patty's Day event and it was extremely cold and we closed Eddy Street. We will work with the police department to mitigate the flow of pedestrians and work on getting additional closures.

The Annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and all members are invited to attend.

**PERSONELLE UPDATES:** M. Martino noted that she has extended an offer to Rosario Ortiz to assist with events and we are looking to hire one part-time person.

**CONTRACT RFP:** M. Martino mentioned that we would be going out for an RFP for North Halsted to make it more experiential for a tourism destination. We will be looking into streetscapes and working with an urban planner in preparation of receiving funding. We will be meeting with legislation to seek additional funding to move forward for much needed repairs on Clark Street and improvements in the area.

Juliana Montebello-Roman requested that there is flooding over by the cemetery on Irving and asked for this to be addressed.

2022 Tax Revenue: M. Martino mentioned that there would be a delay in receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tax money until 2023, for receipt of tax funding and we will be very diligent in spending this year.

Webinars and Educational Series; the Chamber will host a Law Series on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Looking into conducting seminars at the Sheffield office for business training.

**BEAUTIFICATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:** M. Martino discussed the new businesses opening in the area to include Cumin Restaurant (under construction), Cornelia and Clark space is still open, Sol - 3475 N Clark St – took Over The Diver and is now open, 2d Restaurant Co - 3155 N Halsted St – Recently Opened, Shakers On Clark – Coming Back - 3162 N Clark St, Mary's Hot Nails - 3353 N. Clark St. – Coming Soon, Bicycle Spin Art - 2828 N. Clark St. – Coming Soon, Foxtrot - 3649 N. Clark S - 3221 N. Clark St – Coming Soon, Sit Social, 3221 N. Clark St. – Banh Mi & Co. 3227 N. Clark St. – Relocated From Broadway and Nola had an expansion – 3483 N. Clark.

An updated vacancy listing was also provided.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeanne Saliture seconded by Eric Kirsammer was unanimously approved and Maureen Martino adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.