

STATE STREET COMMISSION

State Street Commission Meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2022 Zoom Meeting 2:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Mark Anderson
Greg Cameron
Jameelah Curry
Kristin Duncan
Commander David Harris
Sonsere Hatch
Dean Lane
Cindy Chan Roubik
Chris Rowe
Ryan Segal

AFFILIATION

Hines
The Joffrey
CDOT
Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel
CPD
CTA
Palmer House Hilton
DPD

STAFF

Michael Edwards
Abel Rodriguez

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I. Welcome & Call to Order

Greg Cameron began the meeting at 2:00 PM and commended CLA staff's efforts in lighting up State Street and contributing to the holiday spirit.

II. Public Comment

Dean Lane announced that the Hilton Chicago tree lighting ceremony will take place this Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM, and the city tree lighting will take place this Friday as well. Abel Rodriguez also reminded everyone that the State Street Holiday Market will also open this Friday with staff, the SSA Commission, and the Executive Board invited to participate from 3 PM to 5 PM.

III. Approval of Minutes

Kristin Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18th, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Dean Lane. The motion carried.

IV. Financial Statements as of October 31, 2022

Abel Rodriguez explained that the only significant change from last meeting was the October expenses. To reiterate, the 2nd installment of the SSA funds has not yet been received but will be released on December 1st. Some expenses were reduced because of the lack of funding. The revenue received thus far is \$2.2 million, but \$2.5 million has been spent. Currently, CLA is owed \$274,000. SSA accounts have been emptied, and the line of credit will be used. Greg Cameron asked if CLA can get reimbursed for drawing from the line of credit and if there is anything the city can do to ease this financial situation since the Commissioners do not want to pay the interest on the line of credit as the city is the one paying late. Abel said that the bank understand the current situation, but Mark Roschen would have a better answer for Cameron's question. Later in the meeting, Mark Roschen confirmed this has happened in the past, but the city is not authorized to make the reimbursement; however, interest is an allowable expense, the organization does not have to incur interest.

V. Security Update

Commander Harris gave an update saying that additional probational officers for window detail started a couple days ago and are assigned to State Street between Lake and Jackson with ability to shift to other streets if needed. The officers will be at this location every day between 12:00-8:30 pm. Commander Harris then gave a summary of the current crime reports, which mostly expressed that major crime was down in the 001st district. Crime is down 43%

from June. Since last year, criminal sexual assault is down 14%, burglary is down 42%, theft is down 43%, aggravated battery is down 38%, shooting incidents are down 32%, etc.

VI. Sole Service Provider Report

Michael explained that Mark Anderson, Kristen Duncan, and Dean Lane would all like to be considered for a 3-year appointment to the Commission. Additionally, there are two open seats for new commissioners. Michael has reached out to Chuck Miller of Macy's who has expressed interest on being on Board, but a senior Macy's person for the Board would also make for a good nomination if the Commission believes that having a person from Macy's on the Board is of great importance. Michael also reached out to Kevin Swanson, an executive of Walgreens, to see if a senior staff person at Walgreens would be interested in serving on the Board. Michael requested that attendees send in suggestions for people who would be a good fit for the Commission. By January, Edwards explained, a list of nominees could be compiled to send to the Alderman and Mayor for approval.

Greg Cameron said that he will suggest people from Walgreens that he knows personally. Dean Lane had a question regarding many of the universities and asked if any of the leaders from them have expressed interest in serving on the Board. Michael explained that although they have not, the CLA Board has two members from the nearby universities. However, the universities do not pay taxes/assessments the same way property owners of the SSA do, which may change how they engage with the Commission.

VII. Status Reports/Outstanding Issues

1. Culture & Events

Commissioner Harkey, DCASE, was not available.

2. Public Works

Commissioner Stallard, Department of Streets & Sanitation, was not available for comment.

3. Mobility

Jameelah Curry, CDOT, filled in for Sam Alexander giving update on the State/Lake utility relocation project. The CDOT contact, Michael Lev, sent update on November 10th, but work is winding down for the winter due to the work moratorium that starts this Friday, November 18th. People's Gas, Building Service, and Old Main is being decommissioned, and back work has started. Work is expected to restart around January 2nd. One lane will remain open on Lake Street and Wabash in either direction. People's Gas and Telecom will generally be working daytime hours between 9 am – 4 pm on weekdays and 8 am – 8 pm on Saturday. Centria will be working nights. ComEd will be working daytime hours with night hours yet to be confirmed.

Sonserese Hatch, CTA, explained that there are minor escalator and elevator outages. She also relayed a message from the General Manager for Facility Management asking to discuss planned work for spring 2021: planters that are a part of the station entrance headhouse at Randolph Street level need to be cleared to inspect the membrane roofing structure. The escalator at this location was recently rehabilitated, which takes in water in the surrounding walls, possibly leading to the compromised state of the brook membrane. Hatch proposed meeting with the General Manager in January or some time before planting. Michael Edwards requested that Hatch send an email detailing the specific location of this issue, so it is addressed before the tulip bulbs are planted later this month. Abel Rodriguez requested that Hatch email him and Edwards about the details of the meeting with the General Manager.

4. Planning & Development

Cindy Chan Roubik gave an update on the GSA Section 106 process, a long-term federal government project. The government is still accepting comments for the current portion of the project, which will be open until December 12th. Cindy sent [this link for public comment](#) to attendees, and also explained that \$52 million has been appropriated solely for the purpose of demolishing the historic buildings.

VIII. Other Business

The CLA Holiday Party at LM Studios, 808 S. Michigan Ave., begins at 5:30 PM on December 7th.

IX. Adjournment

Greg Cameron adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by:

La Verne Morris