

STATE STREET COMMISSION

State Street Commission Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

2:00 PM

ABC7

190 North State Street

10th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

AFFILIATION

Commission Members Present

Commissioner Greg Cameron
Commissioner Mark Davids
Commissioner Paul Fitzpatrick
Commissioner Mark Kelly
Commissioner John Idler
Commissioner Dean Lane
Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld
Commissioner Ryan Segal
Commissioner Anne Voshel

Joffrey Ballet
Amtrust
11 East Partners LLC
DCASE
ABC7
Palmer House
Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)
Acadia
AVA Consultants

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Scott David Greenberg
Commissioner David Reifman
Commissioner Charles Williams
Commissioner Jennifer Williams

the Wit/ECD
Department of Planning & Development (DPD)
Department of Streets & Sanitation
Macy's

Others Present

Michael Edwards
Judy Moore Green
Steve Hillard
Sgt. Joel Holler
Laura Jones
Robert Kearney
Brent Minor
Cole Stallard

Chicago Loop Alliance (CLA)
Auditorium Theatre
Streetplus
1st District Chicago Police Department
Chicago Loop Alliance (CLA)
42nd Ward
Chairman Emeritus
Department of Streets & Sanitation

I. Call to Order - SSA#1 - 2015 Chair Anne Voshel

SSA#1-2015 Chair Anne Voshel called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

II. Public Comment

No comments were made by the public.

III. Financial Statements as of October 31, 2017

In the absence of Abel Rodriguez, Michael Edwards walked the Commission through a budget summary that went through November 15, 2017. This is a couple of weeks beyond October month end because we want to be as precise as possible. We are 86% through the year, and the line items should reflect near completion. Edwards said that he would like to touch on some items, especially those that do not reflect that percentage:

- Marketing: There is money remaining because we still will be receiving invoices for holiday expenses.

- Website: Listed as Geocentric, we are changing vendors to Time Zone One to do a website update for us. These are committed, restricted dollars that will not be taken forward.
- Holiday Decorations: We may be a little over in this line item; the bills are still coming in. But the street looks beautiful with the wreaths, garland, and globes and we are ready for the Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Placemaking & Management: We will probably be a little under budget. We did not spend as much money on the Muddy Waters mural as we thought we would.
- Public Way: There will be a report on Lightscape and programming later in the meeting. We are looking to spend about \$20,000 of the remaining \$50,000 balance.
- Infrastructure: Bills are pending and will be paid. We got a lot of work done in a short period of time.
- Sidewalk Power Washing: We are finished for the year.
- Economic Development: We are in the midst of the Arts and Culture Study, and the funds will be spent. The project costs have come in higher than expected; CLA contributed \$30,000 towards costs.
- Ambassador Program: This line item will zero out at the end of the year.
- Office Rent: The CLA office move has been delayed; we budgeted higher for the move so there will be leftover funds.

A few months ago, we projected that we would end the year with a \$190,000 fund balance. Abel Rodriguez thinks that will be somewhat lower, but we won't be able to give Commissioners a firm number until after the end of the year.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 17, 2017, State Street Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Idler and seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Off-Duty/Retired Police RFP

Laura Jones began by giving a summary of what's happened in the last two years regarding implementation of the off-duty officer program. In 2016, we ran into roadblocks trying to put a pilot program in place for the holidays on short notice. Then there were issues after the holidays about firms wanting officers to work in pairs (double the budget) and liability. Meanwhile, a new need for back-up for the Street Team Ambassadors emerged in part due to a spike in violent mental health problems in the homeless population. Ultimately, we wrote a second RFP based on those issued by other SSAs, which subsequently went through two more revisions. The RFP stated work was to begin during the holiday season in 2017.

Steve Hillard continued. On October 20th, the RFP went out, with responses due back on November 3rd. It was posted on CLA's website and it went out to six national and local companies: Intellex Security, Tactical Response Security, National Security Service, G4S, Metro Security Force, Inc., and Security Resources. We did not get a great response back. We were told that monetarily it was a small contract, and the companies weren't interested in split shifts since they are more difficult to staff. We also discovered that although we stated our preference was for retired police officers, retired officers do not have the police powers to arrest which defeats our purpose of a quick response time.

Just prior to the Commission meeting, Streetplus and CLA spoke with a local subcontractor for the national contractor Security Resources, Security Enforcement and Investigations. The owner of that 11-year-old company is a 30-year Chicago Police Department veteran, Andre Woods. He currently works out of the 7th District. He has armed and unarmed security as well as armed and unarmed off-duty police officers. He is

confident that he can staff the split shifts, and he gave us an actual bill rate which was \$10 less an hour than our budget (\$40 an hour rather than \$50). He also could start immediately.

Chair Voshel questioned Woods being a currently active police department employee. Is there any City of Chicago ethics rule that precludes us from using him? Laura Jones stated that City of Chicago requirements were succinctly outlined in the RFP, the company cannot have current city employees. We will have to double check on that because there are layers. It is unclear if the fact that Streetplus, not CLA, will be signing the contract with Security Resources who sub-contracts with Andre Woods' company, changes things or not. Before proceeding, CLA will contact the city.

There was a brief discussion about uniforms (off duty police will not look like Street Team members), methods of communication (radios) and the reasoning behind the split shifts. Chair Voshel asked what further action should be taken. Michael Edwards said we needed a motion, pending city approval, directing Streetplus to enter into a contract for off-duty officers. That motion was made by Commissioner Davids and seconded by Commissioner Idler. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Status Reports

CDOT: Commissioner Scheinfeld said that CDOT is wrapping up the season at a rapid pace with the completion of the Washington/Wabash station, utility work and the demolition of the Randolph station. In general, we are entering into the holiday moratorium period now when all work ceases, but we'll still be issuing permits for emergencies. Meanwhile, CDOT is gearing up to start the conceptual work and design of the State/Lake station, which is about 7 years away from construction. An RFP will go out in January. Stakeholder meetings will start at a later date. As a scope matter, the old station does not meet current standards for platform width or accessibility, and there will be the opportunity to connect the station vertically to the Red Line – so this project could be more complicated than the Wabash station. But it's another opportunity to make an iconic addition to the architecture of the Loop.

Security: Sgt. Holler noted that his only concern with the off-duty officers program discussed previously was that businesses know that they should continue to call 911 with any issues. It's a matter of messaging. Otherwise, 'tis the season of robberies and vehicle thefts. There are 25 new recruits in the Loop, mainly in the afternoons, to assist with holiday matters. The Thanksgiving Parade is coming up, but otherwise the event season is winding down. Protests are still alive, but the numbers are fewer. Finally, there is still an officer on the 3rd shift manning Pritzker Park.

Streets & Sanitation: Cole Stallard reported that the outlook for snow remains at 40-45" this year, although the next 2 weeks look dry. The department will use spreaders as a security measure at the Thanksgiving Parade, just as they did for the Lights Festival on Michigan Avenue. Stallard confirmed that the Street Team and businesses should use the "back and forth" method for snow removal as we've done in the past. The department has an unusual looking new truck, an F350 with a 6-yard dump on the back, to facilitate getting around better in the Loop and to lessen accidents. People driving have difficulty getting around the larger trucks.

DCASE: Commissioner Kelly said that he's happy to be coming to the completion of Millennium Park festivals and Riverwalk programming. Although it was a very wet and soggy tree lighting ceremony, still thousands turned out. Kelly passed out a Millennium Park Campus holiday brochure, noting that it has synergy with CLA's Holidays in the Loop brochure. Next year, perhaps they should be combined. Also, next year, they will dramatically enhance their holiday program to 3 – 4 times what they are doing now, with major lighting and sound installations in Pritzker Pavilion, festival tents, an artists' tent, ice skating performances, and the list goes on. There will also be a major enhancement of security in Millennium Park for next year's festival season.

Sole Service Provider Report: Following up on Commissioner Kelly's comments about enhanced security in the park, Michael Edwards said that after the incident in NYC where many bikers were run over by a truck, it was his understanding that the City of Chicago was looking at installing more bollards in the Loop. CLA would like to play a part in that conversation, especially in regard to design.

Turning to the subject of Lightscape, Edwards pointed out that meeting packets contained a summary of the recent work CLA has done on the installation: we've met with contractors, replaced WAPS, roto-rooted drains, and set the ball rolling on a contract to develop a web app to bring Lightscape control functions in house. The later would cost \$20,000 and we would need a motion to enter into that contract. After some debate by Commissioners about the system becoming dated and perhaps less impactful, a motion was made by Commissioner Davids to enter into the contract, and seconded by Paul Fitzpatrick. The motion passed unanimously.

A President's Report, containing other Sole Service Provider activities, was contained in packets.

VII. Other Business

Congratulations went out to Ryan Segal, who finally received his Commission seat confirmation.

Noting the absence of CTA representative Jeff Wilson, Chair Voshel asked if there was someone else from the CTA whom we needed to invite to meetings.

A 2018 Commission meeting schedule was contained in packets. The next SSA #1-2015 State Street Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 2:00 PM at ABC7.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM by Chair Voshel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Cameron
Secretary