

7/1/24

Special Service Area #39 Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Attendees:

1. Jose Barrera, Chairperson
2. Dr. Genaro Romo, Commissioner
3. Miguel Torres, Commissioner
4. Erick Valdez, Commissioner

Not in Attendance:

1. Diane Carli, Vice Chairperson
2. Miguel Torres, Commissioner
3. Claudia Aleman, Candidate

Service Provider/Other Attendees:

1. Miguel Moreno
2. Craig Chico, BYNC Executive Director
3. George Cardoso
4. James Gonska

Minutes

Chairman Barrera call the meeting to order at 12:05PM

Miguel Moreno does roll call.

Quorum established

Chairman Barrera asks for a review of the meeting minutes for April 2024.

Commissioner Romo makes a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Valdez seconds the motion.

Minutes passed.

Chairman Barrera asks Miguel to review the 2025 budget and workplan.

Miguel explains the sections 1.0 through 7.0. Mentioning that most resources are allocated to 2.0 to account for the cost of conducting another streetscape project in 2025 in addition to the administrative cost increase noted in 4.0. Miguel asks if there are any questions for the 2025 workplan or budget.

Chairman Barrera asks that the auditor be present in person in 2025 for the audit review.

Commissioner Romo asks when the last raise was given to the maintenance crew and administrative staff.

Craig Chico explains that the maintenance crew have received raises throughout the years, to keep up with state and federally mandated requirements. He explains that administrative staff received raises when it was warranted.

Craig also mentions that a budget revision may be needed in 2025 to account for the new increase in the state minimum wage.

Chairman Barrera asks for a motion to approve the 2025 workplan and budget. Commissioner Valdez makes a motion to approve the budget. Commission Romo seconds the motion.

Motion passes to approve the 2025 budget and workplan for SSA 39.

Chairman Barrera asks for a motion to approve the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council as the 2025 service provider for SSA 39.

Commissioner Valdez makes a motion to approve the service provider. Commissioner Romo seconds the motion.

Motion passes.

Miguel mentions that a 3rd proposal is under review for the streetscape project, and that a decision should be made shortly.

Commissioner Romo asks if there are permits ready, and when the work would begin. Miguel says it would begin in late summer, at the 4250 block of Archer Ave on both the north and south sides of the street.

Chairman Barrera asks that proper notice be given to all affected businesses and that the event be marketed properly.

Under "old news" Miguel lets the Commissioners know that some of the freshly planted material in the SSA planters was stolen, and that the landscaping vendor would be replacing some of them free of charge.

Under "Public Input" Rob Waitkus a Brighton Park resident pitches an idea to host a street festival on Archer Avenue. like the one done several years earlier.

Chairman Barrera asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Valdez makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Romo seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55PM.