

West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce
Special Service Area (SSA) Reconstitution / Expansion Community Meeting
Monday, January 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

Present: Advisory Committee: Stel Valavanis (Chair), Cheryl Jones
WTCC Executive Director – Kara Salgado
SSA Program Manager – Kace Wakem
SSA Reconstitution Consultant – Kimberly Bares & Noah Gordon
City of Chicago – Annie Coakley, Department of Planning & Development, Mark Roschen,
Department of Planning & Development
Alderman Offices: None

I. Presentation Start: Kara Salgado welcomed everyone and began presentation at 11:15am.

II. Power Point Presentation:

- Overview of Special Service Areas: Annie Coakley (DPD) gave overview Special Service Areas. Answered some questions from audience.
- Stel Valavanis explained SSA maps, introduced Advisory Committee, the SSA Commission, reviewed need for the SSA, the SSA Vision, the SSA's current initiatives, surrounding SSAs and the steps of the Reconstitution so far.
- Kace Wakem explained current initiatives funded by SSA 29, Discussed photos of Façade Rebate, West Fest, West Town Art Walk & Banners. Discussed PR metrics, Sidewalk cleaning & snowplowing metrics, reviewed surrounding SSAs, Reconstitution progress to date, Community Outreach, and the Needs Assessment survey results
- Stel Valavanis reviewed the proposed 2015 budget & budget pie chart, compared it to the 2011 overall all SSAs budget pie chart to show that our budgets are in line & reviewed what the SSA will cost them.
- Noah Gordon reviewed how the budget is created, how the property tax works, understanding your property tax calculator, tax rate comparisons & tax caps between SSAs, tax cap scenarios, impact of SSA levy on property taxes, discussed priorities for the 5 years, next step in the reconstitution process & reviewed TIFs
- Kimberly Bares moderated the Question & Answer section.

III. Question & Answers:

- Jack Perno asked the room to raise their hands if they were and were not property owners in the potential new SSA. There were no other questions.

This concludes the Community Meetings