

# Chatham Business Association, SBDI Service Provider for SSA #51 800 E. 78<sup>th</sup> St Chicago, Illinois 60619

# Special Service (SSA) Area #51 Commissioners Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 – 12:00 p.m. Help At Home (Formerly QBG Building) 806 E. 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60619

**Meeting Called** to order at 12:17 p.m., by Karletta Kelly, Assistant Executive Director, Chatham Business Association, SBDI and Program Manager for Chatham Cottage Grove SSA #51 who is the Service Provider for Special Service Area #51. Meeting was held at the Help At Home (formerly QBG Building) Meeting Room, 800 East 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60619.

**SSA Commissioners in attendance were:** Pat McCoy (Help At Home) Clarence Glover (Majestic Florist), and Veta Caldwell-Charles (Tailo-rite Cleaners), Lamont Smith (Sizzlin Skillet) both have excused absences. SSA Staff in attendance were: Karletta Kelly, Pattilyn Beals and Cliff Borner.

Guest Speakers in attendance were: Sheilah Stevenson of SSA#71 and Karen Forte, City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development

SSA #51 Program Manager, Karletta Kelly goes through agenda items: Advertising and Promotions
Important information, such as Business Workshops, Financial Assistance and Technology Development are distributed weekly to the SSA #51 businesses. Communications are sent to SSA #51 Businesses of SSA #51 Services, Monthly Membership Meetings, SSA Quarterly Meetings and GET Connected Program.

SSA #51 Service Provider takes all event opportunities to highlight their business. During the 4<sup>th</sup>-1st quarters. Their services and business cards were displayed.

CBA, SBDI is also adamantly promoting the SSA businesses on their social media. CBA will promote SSA #51 business deals and promotion on their Social Media sites Facebook): 1,415 Follows, 1,301 Likes (Facebook.com/ChathamBusiness Twitter: 875 Followers (@CBAworks)

# Public Way Maintenance December 2019 - February 2020

#### Street Cleaning

Between December and February, a total of 301 bags (36 Gallon bags) of garbage were collected. In other words, 10,002 Gallons of garbage have been collected and removed from the streets of SSA #51 in the last three months. We lost one street cleaning staff member and re-hired a previous staff member.

Areas within the SSA #51 that were cleaned include: 75<sup>th</sup> Street (Indiana to Drexel), 79<sup>th</sup> Street (Cottage to 95<sup>th</sup> Street), 79<sup>th</sup> Street (Greenwood to Indiana), Cottage Grove (75<sup>th</sup> Street to 95<sup>th</sup> Street), and Vacant lots located on 75<sup>th</sup> Street, 79<sup>th</sup> Street, 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

#### Snow Removal:

The SSA #51 businesses were surveyed in order to find out the timings they would prefer their snow to be removed. 132 businesses have been surveyed so far, of that 5 businesses wanted snow removed between the hours of Noon – 3:00pm, 118 businesses, would like their snow removed between 8:30AM and Noon.

**Public Way Aesthetics:** SSA #51 Service Provider will promote the SSA# 51 businesses corridor with Banners, Custom Trash Containers and Planters. Five Custom Trash Receptacles permits were renewed along with 6 Planters within the Corridor.

SSA #51 Businesses were surveyed about planter and Street Pole planters were favored over all. Based on City guidelines, CBA will draw up a plan for the best placement for planters.

**Holiday Decorations:** The Love, Unity & Values (LUV) Institute scope of work includes the furnishing of labor, materials, and equipment required to complete the installation, maintenance and removal of decorations and holiday plantings for SSA 51. It is estimated that there are 130 light post and 55 pedestrian poles to be decorated.

### **Façade Improvements**

No New projects this quarter.

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## **Safety Programs**

CBA, SBDI contracted AGB Investigatives for Special Event Security. (June 2019 - til now is currently on pause ).

Guest Speaker Sheilah Stevenson, explains how SSA#71 partners with local residence in hiring youth from City of Chicago' Summer One to clean up corridor and incentives businesses to be participate.

Guest Speaker Karen Forte, informs Commissioners that another meeting in the spring needs to be scheduled for 2019 Audit Review and Budget Workplan review.

Meeting Adjourned at: 1:36 p.m. Approved:

Caldwell-Charles

SSA #51 Program Manager, Karletta R. Kelly