North Michigan Avenue SSA 76

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 3 PM

625 North Michigan Avenue, 6th Floor Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm

In attendance: Gail Spreen, Stephanie Knight, Julie Cameron, Glenn White, Katrina Balog, Laura Bossert, Nichole Benolken, John Harder, Lori Olson

1. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Julie made a motion to approve the December 11, 2024 minutes. Stephanie seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

1. Safety and Security Report

Glenn provided an update on the 2024 numbers. Mag Mile crime was up 2% from 2023, as compared to the entire city which was up 5%. We are currently having about 14 incidents per week in the 18th District. Glenn has been stopping by stores on Michigan Avenue; most retailers have reduced their loss prevention teams since the holidays. Walgreens has been experiencing several theft incidents. Glenn spoke with them and Walgreens doesn’t have a full-time loss prevention team. Glenn reported some pickpocketing activity which we haven’t seen in awhile.

1. Review 2024 Financials

Katrina walked the commission through the 2024 financials. John requested the expense detail; Katrina said she would send it to the commissioners.

1. 2025-2026 Commission
2. Welcome

Katrina welcomed the new commissioners. While they haven’t been officially approved by the city, their application is in process.

1. Role of the Commission

Katrina talked about the role of the commission - approve the budget, work plan and sole service provider. She shared that TMMA is in the process of hiring a new Economic Development Manager and Marketing Director that will implement the 2025 SSA work plan. Katrina will continue as a consultant until the end of February 2025.

1. Old Business
2. Icebergs

The Icebergs have been installed and will be up for two months.

1. EAC Sculptures

The commission is invited to a meeting on February 6 with EAC and staff from both Aldermanic offices to discuss direction.

1. New Business

 No new business.

1. Public Comment

 None.

1. Adjourn

Julie made a motion to adjourn. Stephnie seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.