

**Lincoln Avenue SSA #35**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2010 – Koenig & Strey, 2626 N. Lincoln Avenue**

**Present:** Neer Patel, Joe Quartana, Sam Sanchez, Jeannine Simkus

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Logan Quan-Cleanslate, Greg Brown-Cleanstreet, Jeff Dennis-Cleanstreet

**LPCC Staff:** Schilf, Dinneen

**Call to Order**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Patel.

**Approval of Minutes**

- II. Approval of 9/17/09 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9/17/09. Motion Seconded. Unanimously Approved.

**2010 Sidewalk Cleaning Contract**

- III.
  - A. Dinneen explained that since the commission did not reach a decision on the 2010 sidewalk cleaning contract in the previous meeting, Cleanslate's current contract was extended through the first quarter of 2010. Per the commission's request, both Cleanslate and Cleanstreet are present today to answer questions about their bids for the remainder of 2010.
  - B. Dinneen went on to explain the research he did on both vendors in regards to their bids. Cleanstreet's references all came back positive.
  - C. Simkus asked about both vendors' social service aspect. Dinneen explained that both vendors' have a social service initiative but could not elaborate further.
  - D. Sanchez explained that he employs one person to clean up around his Wriggleville bar after Cubs games and that one person is able to clean sufficiently.
  - E. Patel interjected that we have had no issues with service with Cleanslate.
  - F. Sanchez said that he would like to have one full time cleaning person on Lincoln to get to know the neighborhood.
  - G. Brown from Cleanstreet then informed the commission of the other SSA's that they work for in addition to holding a contract with the Cubs.
  - H. Dennis explained that they employ nonviolent, ex-offenders and that they compensate their employees per route. They teach them work skills and the pace at which they need to work to be efficient. Dennis also explained that their employees would be willing to check in periodically with business owners.
  - I. Sanchez asked how many hours it would take a guy to clean the street. Dennis responded that it would take approximately 3 and one half hours.
  - J. Sanchez asked if it would be the same person cleaning the route each day. Dennis said that it would.
  - K. Dennis explained that if we wanted to add another man to the route it would be approximately a 35% per day increase in cost.

- L. Dinneen asked Cleanstreet about weather restrictions that would prohibit them from providing service. Dennis said they do not cancel service unless there is too much snow to clean.
- M. Sanchez told Cleanstreet that they would need to be out on the street before 8:00 a.m. Dennis said that they could mobilize as early as they needed on the weekends.
- N. Quartana then asked Quan from Cleanslate if they clean tree grates. Quan said they sweep the grates clean but cannot remove them because of their size and City of Chicago regulations.
- O. Quartana then asked Cleanslate if they could discount their proposal. Cleanslate said no as they bill for the man hours it takes to clean the street. Quan said it takes 45 hours to clean the street a week.
- P. Sanchez asked if it really takes 7 hours to clean the street with a crew of five people. Quan replied that it depends on the level of service that the SSA wants. They could decrease the price if the level of service decreased as well.
- Q. Simkus asked if they cut down on man hours would that affect the size of the crew on the street. Quan said it would depend on what we specifically asked for.
- R. Quartana asked Cleanslate what percentage of what they charge goes towards overhead of their company. Quan replied somewhere around 15%-20%.
- S. Sanchez asked Cleanslate if they thought that a one man crew could clean this SSA in one day. Quan thought that it could not be done at the level of service that the SSA desires.
- T. Patel asked what their next route is after the Lincoln SSA route is complete. Quan responded that on Sundays they go up to West Town and on Saturday's they go to Uptown.
- U. Sanchez stated he didn't feel the math behind the cost of Cleanslate's service added up and felt it was artificially inflated.
- V. Quartana thinks the overhead is a major part of the cost associated with their service.
- W. Quartana thinks that we should try Cleanstreet but add a performance clause to their contract that we can terminate if we feel necessary.

Motion to approve Cleanstreet as the 2010 Sidewalk Cleaning vendor. Motion seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

## **Financials**

IV.

- A. Dinneen reviewed the financials and not many transactions have taken place since it's so early in the year.
- B. There were no follow up questions.

## **New Business**

V. 2011 Budget Items

- A. Dinneen explained to the commission that he would be presenting a draft 2011 budget at the next meeting and asked for recommendations on specific budget items they would like to see in that budget.
- B. Quartana did not want to see any increase in service.

- C. Dinneen explained that if they wanted to install any bike racks they would need to budget for it now.
  - D. Simkus and Patel are against putting in bike racks.
  - E. There was agreement among the commissioners that scope of services for 2011 should not change and that the new budget should be comparable.
- VI. 2010 Officer Elections
- A. Sanchez expressed that he is planning on building a new restaurant and needs less responsibility.
  - B. Patel asked if there were any term limit issues. Dinneen explained there were none.
  - C. Proposed 2010 Officers are:
    - i. Patel-Chair
    - ii. Quartana-Vice Chair
    - iii. Simkus-Treasurer

Motion to approve 2010 Lincoln SSA #35 Officers. Motion Seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m. by Patel.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Loren Dinneen.*