



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #42 71<sup>st</sup> St./Stony Island**  
**Commissioners Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 17th, 2018 at 6:30pm**  
**South Shore Chamber Offices**  
**1750 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street- Chicago, IL 60649**

**Commissioners:**

**Attending:**

Ayesha Karim, Judy Minor-Jackson  
Suellen G. Hurt, Alicia Garcia-Abner

**Absent:**

Gregory Smith

**Staff:**

Tonya Trice, Ciera Whitaker, Julia White

**Alderman's Office:**

Kimberly Webb - 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Representative

**Guest:**

Jared Lewis, Mikael David, John Davis, Jennifer Barnes,  
Gerald Williams, Eli Williamson, Pamela Gates, Gerald  
Williams, Gabriel Piemonte, Norman Teague,  
Tom Bravos, Olivia Junell

1. Chairman Ayesha Karim called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Minutes from the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting were approved.
3. A draft of the 2019 workplan was reviewed. The 1<sup>st</sup> draft is due into DPD by June 8, 2018. The 2019 draft workplan is the exact same as 2018 workplan. The commissioners agreed to dedicate the June meeting to completing the 2019 workplan. Tonya will recommend best practices and examples for the Economic Development category.
4. Quotes from 3 web designers were reviewed. Selecting of a new web designer is tabled for now. Tonya Trice will talk with

Datamine to discuss enhancing the active site including Google Analytics, SEO, Archiving and Before and After images.

5. With the cost to install and remove light pole ornaments being too expensive, and storage costs of the ground decorations, SSA #42 will sell the ornaments to another organization. Proceeds can be used to enhance the ground decorations or purchase additional tree lights for the Stony Island midway.
6. Commissioner Karim suggested replacing our current banners with banners similar to those in Lakeview which are more durable. Tonya will research them and provide pricing.
7. SSA staff will contact T-Mobile and Comcast to discuss possibly installing WIFI long the corridors.
8. Commissioner Abner suggested we revise the Business Survey Question by asking what would it take for the SSA businesses to be involved in the Summer Fest and Connect Art Festival.
9. Tonya will explore window covering options for abandoned buildings.
10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.