

KEDZIE INDUSTRIAL TRACT SSA #7

SPECIAL MEETING OF SSA COMMISSION and KEDZIE TRACT INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

11:00 am.

Recycling Services
3301 W. 47th Place
Chicago, IL 60632

MINUTES

Present: SSA Commissioners Ted Geinosky, Mary Bochenek, Dennis Masarik,
David O'Keefe
KTIA Board Members Ed Ciolkosz (President), Mark Villegas (Secretary)
,
KTIA Executive Director Leslie Jacobs

Others Present: Gina Caruso, City Department of Planning
Craig Chico and Sean O'Farrell, Back of the Yards
Neighborhood Council
Lenora Dailey, Greater Southwest Development Corporation
Walter Kurek, BY-LO Mfg. Inc.

Absent: KTIA Board Members Iris Poltrock and Joe Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by SSA Commission Chair Ted Geinosky.

I. Introduction of meeting participants

II. Purpose of Meeting

Leslie Jacobs explained that this Special Meeting was called to explore the possibility of selecting a new SSA #7 service provider in 2009. Both the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council (BYNC) and the Greater Southwest Development Corporation (GSWDC) -- near-by nonprofit organizations that service other Chicago SSA's -- were invited to this meeting to provide information about their organizations and discuss whether either would be interested in being the service provider for SSA #7.

III. Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council

Sean O'Farrell distributed materials and described the services BYNC provides. BYNC is the Service Provider for three industrial SSA's,

including the Stockyards, so is experienced in working with industry. BYNC also provides City-funded LIRI (Local Industrial Retention Initiative) services to Kedzie Tract businesses because SSA #7 falls within its LIRI district.

IV. Greater Southwest Development Corporation

Lenora Dailey distributed materials and stated that GSWDC provides services primarily to commercial / retail areas and has less experience with industrial areas. GSWDC also provides LIRI services, but SSA #7 is not within its district.

V. Decision

After the City, BYNC and GSWDC representatives left the meeting, the group discussed the various options, including keeping KTIA as its service provider. It was decided that BYNC would be the best choice as Service Provider under the condition that (1) Leslie Jacobs would remain as manager of SSA #7 and (2) the cost to the SSA would be kept reasonably low.

Leslie was asked to contact BYNC and work with them on producing a 2009 Budget to see whether these conditions can be met.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.