Meeting of the Illinois Medical District Commission
Via Videoconference
November 15, 2022, 12:00 p.m.

Minutes for November 15, 2022

Commissioners present: Michael Eaddy, Judy Frydland, Eleanor Gorski, Nick Guzman, Stephen Hackney, Ann Kalayil, and Peter O'Brien.

Others present: Allyson Hansen, Kate Schellinger, Chris Fahey, Gina Oka, Tom Strachan, Jeanne Cotini, Gabriel Magana, Judy Salgado, Nicole Vahl, Vincent Cluke (Unite Here Local 1), Maria Davila (Unite Here Local 1), Natalie Frazier (Unite Here Local 1), Gideon Goldberg (Unite Here Local 1), Edith Herrera (Unite Here Local 1), Flor Jimenez (Unite Here Local 1), Lori Knill (Unite Here Local 1), Sarah Lyons (Unite Here Local 1), Francisco Martinez (Unite Here Local 1), Dan Miller (Unite Here Local 1), Roger Rialmo (Unite Here Local 1), Maria Ruiz (Unite Here Local 1), Geddy Smith (Unite Here Local 1), Victor Villanueva (Unite Here Local 1), Tyler Holland (East Lake), Jasmine Hernandez (Metro Edge), Luke McNiff (Metro Edge), Courtney Maurer (Plante Moran), Jean Young (Plante Moran)

Approval of Minutes

President O'Brien called the meeting to order, and Ms. Oka took the roll call of commissioners and stated the names of staff and registered guests. Commissioner Eaddy moved and Commissioner Gorski seconded that the minutes from the September 20, 2022, meeting be approved. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Public Comment

Maria Davila and Natalie Frazier with Unite Here Local 1 made a public comment regarding the Gateway hotel to be managed by Maverick Hotel and Restaurant group. Mr. Holland made a comment regarding East Lake being aware of the requirements and will be happy to share with Unite Here Local 1 the progress of the hotel.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Hansen provided a report on the following topics:

General updates
- Strategic Plan
- Unite Here Local 1 response

Administration
- Engineering team changes
- Director of Marketing and Communications position status
Legal and Regulatory
- Annual training
- Documentation and standardization of policies and processes

Identity
- Large group presentations
- Social media

Collaboration
- IMD Advisory Board
- Education Council
- District Security Group
- Training in the IMD
- Arts Council

Community
- Sustainability; Clean and Green
- Rise to Shine Run/Walk
- *Healthcare Inequities in Communities of Color* panel
- New art in the IMD

Real Estate
- Invest in Cook IGA; RFP for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Planning and Engineering Services
- Capital projects
- Leasing updates

Ms. Hansen thanked staff for assisting with the tree planting and for assisting and participating in the Rise to Shine Walk/Run in the District.

President O’Brien thanked Ms. Hansen for all her hard work.

Financial Report

Audit Report

Mr. Strachan introduced Ms. Young and Ms. Maurer from Plante Moran. Ms. Maurer provided a summary of the audit report. Ms. Maurer stated that the report was clean and there no issues. Ms. Young thanked management for their assistance during the audit. President O’Brien and Mr. Strachan thanked auditors.
Financial Report

Mr. Strachan presented the following:

- Non-current assets are dedicated to grants and security deposits
- Accounts payable are down compared to last year
- Revenue is higher compared to last year
- Interest revenue will stay at zero
- Operating expenses are favorable compared to last year
- Operating income is favorable
- No capital grant income
- New contracts report
- DEI report

Mr. Strachan addressed the commissioners’ questions.

Impact Investment Initiative

Ms. Schellinger stated that in 2018, the Commission through West Side United was invited to join an effort to spur economic development through an impact investment initiative. On November 20, 2018, the Commission approved the allocation of Commission funds in the amount of $100,000.00. Due to the success of the impact investment initiative, the Commission has the opportunity to join again and reinvest its initial investment of $100,000.00. Ms. Hansen, Ms. Oka, Ms. Schellinger, and Mr. Strachan addressed the commissioners’ questions.

Old Business

[NONE]

Commissioner Gorski left the meeting at 1:08pm

New Business

Impact Investment Initiative – Ms. Oka summarized the resolution approving reinvestment in the impact investment initiative. Commissioner Guzman moved that the resolution be approved, Commissioner Eddy seconded, and the resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Election of Officers – Ms. Oka summarized the resolution approving the election of officers. Commissioner Eddy moved that the resolution be approved, Commissioner Kalayil seconded, and the resolution was approved by roll call vote.
Executive Session

Commissioner Hackney moved and Commissioner Frydland seconded that the Commission go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6). The motion carried by roll call vote.

Open Session (resumed)

President O’Brien stated a possible change of date for the January and November 2023 commission meetings. Confirmation needed by Commissioner Gorski and Kalayil prior to posting the 2013 commission meeting calendar.

Commissioner Hackney moved and Commissioner Frydland seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicolas Guzman, Secretary