

MEETING MINUTES

ROSELAND MEDICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION



Date: February 12, 2024
Time: 9:09 am
Meeting called to order by: Vice President Tiffany Hightower

IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioners

Joseph Harrington, Tiffany Hightower, Darrell Hill, Dennis O'Malley, Tina Sanders, Harry Wilkins, Darrell Hill, Tim Egan

Ex Officio Commissioners

Sharron Matthews, Janice Phillips

Far South CDC Staff

Acting Commission Director, Abraham Lacy
Patricia Ballay

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Tiffany Hightower at 9:09am on Monday, February 12, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was completed by Secretary Tim Egan. In accordance with the Roseland Community Medical District Act 70 ILCS 935/10e, a quorum is established, and the Commission may legally transact business.

III. COMMISSION CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Motion to Accept the meeting calendar for 2024 Meetings scheduled for every other month
Motion presented by Ex Officio Matthews, Seconded by President Harrington, and unanimously approved by board.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joy West, MD

Dr. West came to speak on behalf of herself and women of the Roseland community re: Maternal Mortality in maternal healthcare deserts. We need to raise awareness and transform care for women in the community. The number of black mothers who die in childbirth is 6x that of white mothers. While many are attributed to Mental Health and substance abuse there are other healthcare disparities these women are subjected to.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2023

President Harrington motioned that the minutes be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously.

VI. PROGRAM REPORT

- DCEO Appropriation: Letter drafted by Abraham Lacy, President Harrington, and Treasurer O'Malley with State Rep Justin Slaughter was sent to Deputy Governor Grace Hou-Ovnik requesting the release of the State funds to DCEO. Commissioners were asked to also reach out to contacts and state Reps to get this moving.
- Outpatient Campus: Probable construction cost report to help with budget revisions once we are ready to enter DCEO contract so they can be closer to true cost.
- RCH exterior façade: Spoke with Dr Evans about how the medical district can be more helpful to the hospital. Discussed façade enhancements and updates to certain floors of the hospital.
- Secretary Egan discussed the need to purchase the plaza across the street from Hospital as is it working against the hospital. He was reminded that it was not an approved acquisition by the medical district and was still in discussion. Commission needs to set up a meeting with Chicago Trend who is in talks with the plaza about purchasing to see what we can expect.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chicago Community Trust Grant: Commission applied in January for a 3-year recurring grant for 200,000. If approved this would be the first major grant received that is not a state grant.

Audit Update- The audit was for 2021-2022 and had findings of non-compliance. This was due to a lack of appointed commissioners and the inability to hold meetings and vote on procedures. We should be in good shape for 2023/2024 but still need to put procedures and committees in place. An executive director needs to be hired this year, and it is recommended to hire an executive assistant as well.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

2 Vacancies still need to be filled – appointed by Mayors Office, Chicago

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Aetna Health has reached out to be part of the medical district and collaborate. This should be one of many we are meeting with so as not be exclusive.

Chicago Trend purchasing the plaza across from Hospital- There has been no partnership, according to Mr. Egan, and any efforts to work against the hospital will be fought by their board. The Commission does not have control of comes into the area but is not advocating for things against what's best for the hospital. The Medical district also must also look at what is best for the community. This discussion will be tabled and placed as an agenda item for another meeting. Until Funds are released there is not much that can be done as far as obtaining properties, etc. New commissioners would like more information to have a shared understanding of things that were discussed in the past on this topic.

X. ADJOURNMENT

February 12, 2024, at 10:27 am