

MEETING MINUTES

ROSELAND MEDICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION



Date: June 10, 2024
Time: 9:07 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 (v), Darrell Hill, Tim Egan

Ex Officio Commissioners

Sharron Matthews, Sacella Smith (v), Janice Phillips (v)

Far South CDC Staff

Interim Executive Director, Abraham Lacy, Patricia Ballay

Guests

Representative Justin Slaughter
Senator Emil Jones III

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Tiffany Hightower, at 9:07 am on Monday, June 10, 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.

- Motion by President Harrington to allow Commissioner Wilkins, Ex Officio Commissioner Smith, and Ex Officio Commissioner Phillips to participate via zoom was seconded by Commissioner Hill and approved unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 8, 2024

Commissioner Hill motioned that the minutes be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Ex Officio Commissioner Matthews and passed unanimously.

V. PROGRAM REPORT

THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST GRANT UPDATE

Interim Executive Director Lacy announced the approval of a \$400,000 Grant from the Chicago Community Trust, \$200,000 each year for 2 years. The Commission should begin detailing plans to hire a full-time executive director and part-time assistant from that budget.

UPDATE ON THE \$25 MILLION RE-APPROPRIATION

The commission discussed the challenges of securing funding for a multi-year capital plan to upgrade the hospital and the community. They applauded Rep Slaughter's efforts to protect the 25 million dollars allocated for this plan, which is not cash but based on bonds, sales, and taxes. The need was emphasized for a robust discussion and a working plan to navigate the bureaucracy for the funds to be released and recommendations of bringing in other partners and stakeholders to ensure the plan's success. The team was cautioned on the appropriate level of public discussion regarding the plan's details and timeline and urged to demonstrate progress to make a stronger case for additional

funding. It was proposed that the creation of a coalition and the hiring of staff to develop a strategic plan for community engagement, emphasizing the importance of governmental and non-governmental bodies working together.

MEDICAL DISTRICT PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Commissioner Egan highlighted the challenges faced by the hospital in implementing its outpatient services plan, which is losing patients to competitors and has seen a decline in their share of the hospital tax assessment. He expressed frustration with the new mall owners' unwillingness to collaborate but stressed the importance of keeping patients within the hospital's system to maximize their share of the tax assessment and maintain comprehensive healthcare.

Commissioner Egan discussed the current plans for the medical district, emphasizing the need for a new building to house mobile medical units and other services. Interim Director Lacy also highlighted the importance of strategic planning and the need for a 5-year capital plan for accreditation. He called for a cross-team effort to optimize the use of available resources and move the project forward.

Commissioner Egan emphasized the need for more program resources and capital dollars. He suggested that the funds should be directed towards advancing the outpatient phase of a hospital plan, which is already in the works.

Interim Director Lacy highlighted the necessity of pre-development work, including architectural drawings and contract resolution, and proposed the possibility of applying for a working capital grant. He also suggested involving the city and county government to execute the plan, as well as exploring opportunities along the Red Line extension. No objections or further questions were raised regarding this proposal

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Dennis O'Malley to prepare accounting policies and procedures for ratification at the August meeting. Abraham Lacey to work with Dennis O'Malley on setting up accounting procedures and policies.
- Abraham to circulate the fiscal policy to the Commission members for review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- Abraham Lacy to follow up with the mayor's office to get the 2 remaining city appointees for the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Sharon Matthews to finalize the Audit Committee charter and present it at the August meeting.
- Commission to form a Governance and Nomination Committee.
- Search Sub-Committee for an Executive Director

IX. NEXT STEPS

- Commission to plan a special meeting to discuss the 25 million capital appropriation in detail, involving all stakeholders

X. ADJOURNMENT

June 10, 2024 at 10:08 am