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**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EVENTS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS & RECREATION
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
NOVEMBER 2021**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for November 2021.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On November 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. the Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation held a virtual video conference meeting, in Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance:

The following members were virtually present at the November 4, 2021 Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation Meeting: Chairman Sposato (38), Vice-Chair Vasquez (40), LaSapata (1), King (4), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Taliaferro (20), Cardona (31), Nugent (39), Gardiner (45), and Silverstein (50).

The following member(s) were not present at the November 4, 2021 Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation Meeting: Tunney (44), Martin (47), Osterman (48), and Hadden (49).

The following non-member Alderman were present: none.

The Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation addressed the following items:

Approval of the September 2021 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 11/04/2021

O2021-4754 an Expenditure of Open Space Impact Fee funds for payment or reimbursement to NeighborSpace for qualifying acquisition and work, including fencing of lots, to expand Chicago Farmworks.
Lightfoot (Mayor)

PASSED COMMITTEE 11/04/2021

November 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Meeting of Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation

Chairman Sposato called the meeting to order (which was held virtually, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.) Chairman Sposato then took roll call, which established a quorum of members present and noted that their "yes" or "present" response will be determined as a "yes" vote when this quorum roll call is used as a reference vote for later items. He announces that there are no speakers signed up for public comment and he will move on with the regular agenda.

The Chairman then called for the approval of the **September 2021 Monthly Rule 45 Report** for the Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation. Alderman Gardiner made a motion to approve the Monthly Rule 45 Report. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Sposato moved on to the next item on the agenda. **(O2021-4754)** An Expenditure of Open Space Impact Fee funds for payment or reimbursement to NeighborSpace for qualifying acquisition and work, including fencing of lots, to expand Chicago Farmworks. He then introduced Meg Gustafson from the Department of Planning and Development to give a presentation to the committee.

Meg Gustafson states that the presentation is for an expenditure for \$75,000 dollars in Open Space Impact fees to complete the Chicago Farmworks Phase, located in the Humbolt Park Area of Alderman Burnett's 27th ward. Open Impact Fees will cover the acquisition of two parcels; 411 N. Kedzie from Cook County, and 419 N. Kedzie from a private party, as well as the cost of fencing the lots for the expansion of Chicago Farmworks along Kedzie Avenue. Megan introduced Ben Helphand from NeighborSpace to speak on the item or answer any questions the members may have. Ben agreed that this is a great project.

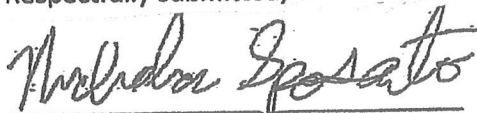
Chairman Sposato thanked Meg for the presentation and then asked Reggie Stewart, representing Alderman Burnett if he'd like to say a few words. Reggie stated that Alderman Burnett supports this project and thanked Meg and those involved for a job well done.

The Chairman then opened the floor for questions. Alderwoman King asked what happens to the vegetables from Farmworks. The program supervisor Josephine Porter said this location distributes them through Vital Bridges Pantries. Alderwoman King requested a list of the pantries through the Chair.

Noting that there were no questions from the members, the Chairman asked for a motion to pass this item (O2021-4754) by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Alderman Nugent moved do pass. Hearing no objections, the item passed and will be reported out at the November 17, 2021 City Council meeting.

Chairman Sposato having no further business before the Committee, asked for a motion to adjourn by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Alderman Vasquez moved to adjourn. Hearing no objections. So ordered." The Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Sposato,
Chairman, Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation