

**LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE, INC.  
SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #23  
SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #35**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors  
Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc.  
Special Service Area #23  
Special Service Area #35  
Chicago, Illinois

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying combining and combined financial statements of Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (LPCC)(a nonprofit organization), Special Service Area #23 (A Taxing District Authorized by the City of Chicago) (SSA #23) and Special Service Area #35 (A Taxing District Authorized by the City of Chicago) (SSA #35), which comprise the combining statement of financial position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related combining statements of activities and changes in net assets, cash flows, functional expenses, statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet (SSA #23 and SSA #35), and statement of activities and governmental funds, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance (SSA #23 and SSA #35) for the years then ended and the related notes to the combining and combined financial statements.

In our opinion, the combining and combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Special Service Area #23 and Special Service Area #35 as of December 31 2021 and 2020, and the combining statements of activities and changes in net assets, cash flows, functional expenses, statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet (SSA #23 and SSA #35), and statement of activities and governmental funds, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance (SSA #23 and SSA #35) for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Special Service Area #23 and Special Service Area #35 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Responsibilities of Management's for the Combining and Combined Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the combining and combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the combining and combined financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the combining and combined financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc.'s, Special Service Area #23's and Special Service Area #35's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combining and Combined Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combining and combined financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the combining and combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the combining and combined financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc.'s, Special Service Area #23's and Special Service Area #35's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the combining and combined financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc.'s, Special Service Area #23's and Special Service Area #35's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

## **Other Matters**

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements of SSA #23 and SSA #35. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historic context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention and caused us to believe that SSA #23 and SSA #35 failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions or conditions of the Agreement for Special Service Area #23 and the Agreement for Special Service Area #35 between the City of Chicago and Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc., insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audits were not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding SSA #23's and SSA #35's noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions or conditions of the Agreements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

### **Restricted Use Relating to the Other Matter**

The communication related to compliance with the aforementioned Agreements described in the Required Supplementary Information paragraph is intended solely for the information and use of the Boards of Directors and management of LPCC, SSA #23, SSA #35 and the City of Chicago and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

### **Report on Supplementary Information**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combining and combined financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information included on pages 24 through 33 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combining and combined financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combining and combined financial statements. The information, except for the budget information included on pages 24 through 27 and 29 through 32, which is unaudited, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the combining and combined financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and

reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combining and combined financial statements or to the combining and combined financial statements themselves and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combining and combined financial statements as a whole. The unaudited information referred to above has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the combining and combined financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

*Ripple Tax & Financial Services, Inc.*

Chicago, Illinois

April 26, 2022

**LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**  
**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #23**  
**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #35**

**COMBINING AND COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

December 31,	2021				2020
	LPCC	SSA #23	SSA #35	Total	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 188,278	\$ 212,960	\$ 144,393	\$ 545,631	\$ 450,307
Investments	120,726			120,726	122,160
Accounts receivable	850			850	4,050
Grants receivable	122,088			122,088	8,971
Property tax receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes for SSA #23 of \$10,400 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and for SSA #35 of \$9,000 at December 31, 2021 and 2020		478,669	413,069	891,738	876,740
Prepaid expenses	1,562			1,562	731
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>433,504</b>	<b>691,629</b>	<b>557,462</b>	<b>1,682,595</b>	<b>1,462,959</b>
Property and equipment:					
Furniture	43,360			43,360	43,360
Leasehold improvements	57,107			57,107	57,107
Office equipment	61,209			61,209	61,209
	161,676			161,676	161,676
Less accumulated depreciation	(86,825)			(86,825)	(74,225)
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>	<b>74,851</b>			<b>74,851</b>	<b>87,451</b>
Security deposit	3,750			3,750	3,750
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 512,105</b>	<b>\$ 691,629</b>	<b>\$ 557,462</b>	<b>\$ 1,761,196</b>	<b>\$ 1,554,160</b>

*See notes to combining and combined financial statements.*



**LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**  
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**COMBINING AND COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)**

December 31,	2021				2020
	LPCC	SSA #23	SSA #35	Total	Total
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>					
Current liabilities:					
Credit card payable	\$ 4,685			\$ 4,685	
Deferred revenue	66,934			66,934	\$ 52,702
Total current liabilities	71,619			71,619	52,702
Net assets:					
Without donor restrictions:					
Undesignated	440,486	\$ 691,629	\$ 557,462	1,689,577	1,501,458
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 512,105	\$ 691,629	\$ 557,462	\$ 1,761,196	\$ 1,554,160

*See notes to combining and combined financial statements.*

**LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**  
**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #23**  
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**COMBINING AND COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

Years ended December 31,	2021					2020
	LPCC	SSA #23	SSA #35	Elimination	Total	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Membership dues and sponsorships	\$ 161,907				\$ 161,907	\$ 182,126
Banner income	22,175				22,175	11,700
Events income	34,841				34,841	24,333
Government grant	244,753				244,753	63,843
Administrative income	252,440			(252,440)		
Advertising income	12,475				12,475	15,417
Other income	1,300				1,300	25,146
Net interest and dividends	2,704				2,704	4,311
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(3,192)				(3,192)	4,453
Cook county collection SSA #23		\$ 475,424			475,424	486,602
Cook county collection SSA #35			\$ 431,805		431,805	375,965
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>729,403</b>	<b>475,424</b>	<b>431,805</b>	<b>(252,440)</b>	<b>1,384,192</b>	<b>1,193,896</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
<b>Functional expenses:</b>						
Government and community relations	146,195				146,195	142,040
Marketing	132,975				132,975	76,235
Member services	279,313				279,313	268,538
SSA #23 expenses		490,291		(140,095)	350,196	278,631
SSA #35 expenses			342,691	(112,345)	230,346	274,186
<b>Total functional expenses</b>	<b>558,483</b>	<b>490,291</b>	<b>342,691</b>	<b>(252,440)</b>	<b>1,139,025</b>	<b>1,039,630</b>
General and administrative expenses	57,048				57,048	57,008
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>615,531</b>	<b>490,291</b>	<b>342,691</b>	<b>(252,440)</b>	<b>1,196,073</b>	<b>1,096,638</b>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	113,872	(14,867)	89,114		188,119	97,258
Net assets, beginning of year	326,614	706,496	468,348		1,501,458	1,404,200
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 440,486</b>	<b>\$ 691,629</b>	<b>\$ 557,462</b>		<b>\$ 1,689,577</b>	<b>\$ 1,501,458</b>

*See notes to combining and combined financial statements.*

**LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**  
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**COMBINING AND COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

Years ended December 31,	2021				2020
	LPCC	SSA #23	SSA #35	Total	Total
Operating activities:					
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 113,872	\$ (14,867)	\$ 89,114	\$ 188,119	\$ 97,258
Adjustments to reconcile above to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Depreciation	12,600			12,600	12,746
Gain on extinguishment of PPP loan	(80,065)			(80,065)	
Net realized and unrealized (gain) loss on investments	3,192			3,192	(4,453)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:					
Accounts receivable, net	3,200	5,026	(20,024)	(11,798)	11,622
Grants receivable	(113,117)			(113,117)	
Prepaid expenses	(831)			(831)	662
Security deposit					625
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:					
Accounts payable					(28,504)
Credit card payable	4,685			4,685	(10,662)
Deferred revenue	14,232			14,232	(21,978)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(42,232)	(9,841)	69,090	17,017	57,316
Investing activities:					
Purchases of property and equipment					(7,316)
Purchases of investments	(21,461)			(21,461)	(26,529)
Proceeds from sales of investments	19,703			19,703	22,049
Cash used in investing activities	(1,758)			(1,758)	(11,796)
Financing activities:					
Proceeds from PPP loan	80,065			80,065	
Cash provided by investing activities	80,065			80,065	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	36,075	(9,841)	69,090	95,324	45,520
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	152,203	222,801	75,303	450,307	404,787
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 188,278	\$ 212,960	\$ 144,393	\$ 545,631	\$ 450,307

*See notes to combining and combined financial statements.*

**LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

Years ended December 31,	2021					2020	
	Government and community relations	Marketing	Member services	Total program expenses	General and administrative	Total expenses	Total expenses
Advertising		\$ 55,755		\$ 55,755		\$ 55,755	\$ 4,016
Banner expenses		8,462		8,462		8,462	8,094
Contributions							1,750
Depreciation	\$ 3,159	1,250	\$ 6,941	11,350	\$ 1,250	12,600	12,746
Insurance	2,625	875	4,375	7,875	875	8,750	12,856
Member services			10,550	10,550		10,550	6,630
Miscellaneous					7,936	7,936	12,353
Occupancy	12,890	4,297	21,483	38,670	4,295	42,965	42,126
Office expenses and postage:							
Credit card fees	1,510	503	2,517	4,530	503	5,033	5,057
Other - office expense and postage		5,486	21,946	27,432		27,432	28,460
Outside services	2,780	15,270	6,115	24,165	1,112	25,277	20,011
Payroll and staff expenses	123,231	41,077	205,386	369,694	41,077	410,771	389,608
Sponsorship							114
<b>Total functional expenses</b>	<b>\$ 146,195</b>	<b>\$ 132,975</b>	<b>\$ 279,313</b>	<b>\$ 558,483</b>	<b>\$ 57,048</b>	<b>\$ 615,531</b>	<b>\$ 543,821</b>

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**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #23**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**

December 31,	2021			2020		
	Governmental funds	Adjustments	Statement of net position	Governmental funds	Adjustments	Statement of net position
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 212,960		\$ 212,960	\$ 222,801		\$ 222,801
Property tax receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$10,400 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020	478,669		478,669	483,695		483,695
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 691,629</b>		<b>\$ 691,629</b>	<b>\$ 706,496</b>		<b>\$ 706,496</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>						
Deferred property tax revenue	\$ 395,697	\$ (395,697)		\$ 418,733	\$ (418,733)	
<b>FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION</b>						
Committed:						
Snow removal	13,805	(13,805)		13,805	(13,805)	
Unassigned	282,127	(282,127)		273,958	(273,958)	
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>295,932</b>	<b>(295,932)</b>		<b>287,763</b>	<b>(287,763)</b>	
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 691,629</b>			<b>\$ 706,496</b>		
Net position:						
Unrestricted		\$ (691,629)	\$ 691,629		\$ (706,496)	\$ 706,496
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:						
Total fund balance - governmental funds			\$ 295,932			\$ 287,763
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather than when "available".						
A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in the governmental funds.			395,697			418,733
<b>Total net position - governmental activities</b>			<b>\$ 691,629</b>			<b>\$ 706,496</b>

*See notes to combining and combined financial statements.*

**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #23**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Governmental funds	Adjustments	Statement of activities	Governmental funds	Adjustments	Statement of activities
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ 498,441	\$ (23,036)	\$ 475,405	\$ 505,062	\$ (18,501)	\$ 486,561
Interest	19		19	41		41
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>498,460</b>	<b>(23,036)</b>	<b>475,424</b>	<b>505,103</b>	<b>(18,501)</b>	<b>486,602</b>
Expenditures/expenses:						
SSA management	27,595		27,595	27,250		27,250
Customer attraction	128,593		128,593	39,964		39,964
Economic/business development	42,800		42,800	5,500		5,500
Personnel	112,500		112,500	109,500		109,500
Public way aesthetics	155,557		155,557	194,908		194,908
Safety program				35,359		35,359
Sustainability and public places	23,246		23,246	2,900		2,900
<b>Total expenditures/expenses</b>	<b>490,291</b>		<b>490,291</b>	<b>415,381</b>		<b>415,381</b>
Excess of revenues over expenditures (expenditures over revenues)	<b>8,169</b>	<b>(8,169)</b>		89,722	(89,722)	
Change in net position		<b>(14,867)</b>	<b>(14,867)</b>		71,221	71,221
Fund balance/net position:						
Beginning of year	<b>287,763</b>	<b>418,733</b>	<b>706,496</b>	198,041	437,234	635,275
End of year	\$ <b>295,932</b>	\$ <b>395,697</b>	\$ <b>691,629</b>	\$ 287,763	\$ 418,733	\$ 706,496
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:						
Net change in fund balance - governmental funds			\$ 8,169			\$ 89,722
Property tax revenue is recognized in the year it is levied rather than when it is available for governmental funds			(23,036)			(18,501)
Change in net position			\$ (14,867)			\$ 71,221

*See notes to combining and combined financial statements.*

**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #35**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**

December 31,	2021			2020		
	Governmental funds	Adjustments	Statement of net position	Governmental funds	Adjustments	Statement of net position
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,393		\$ 144,393	\$ 75,303		\$ 75,303
Property tax receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$9,000 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020	413,069		413,069	393,045		393,045
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 557,462</b>		<b>\$ 557,462</b>	<b>\$ 468,348</b>		<b>\$ 468,348</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>						
<b>Accounts payable</b>						
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>						
Deferred property tax revenue	\$ 360,497	\$ (360,497)		\$ 364,141	\$ (364,141)	
<b>FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION</b>						
Committed:						
Snow removal	14,000	(14,000)		14,000	(14,000)	
Unassigned	182,965	(182,965)		90,207	(90,207)	
Total fund balance	196,965	(196,965)		104,207	(104,207)	
<b>Total deferred inflows and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 557,462</b>			<b>\$ 468,348</b>		
Net position:						
Unrestricted		\$ (557,462)	\$ 557,462	\$ (468,348)		\$ 468,348
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:						
Total fund balance - governmental funds			\$ 196,965			\$ 104,207
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather than when "available." A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in the governmental funds.			360,497			364,141
<b>Total net position - governmental activities</b>			<b>\$ 557,462</b>			<b>\$ 468,348</b>

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**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #35**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Governmental funds	Adjustments	Statement of activities	Governmental funds	Adjustments	Statement of activities
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ 435,449	\$ (3,644)	\$ 431,805	\$ 393,067	\$ (17,102)	\$ 375,965
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>435,449</b>	<b>(3,644)</b>	<b>431,805</b>	<b>393,067</b>	<b>(17,102)</b>	<b>375,965</b>
Expenditures/expenses:						
Customer attraction	39,018		39,018	69,909		69,909
SSA management	27,595		27,595	27,250		27,250
Personnel	84,750		84,750	79,000		79,000
Public way aesthetics	183,809		183,809	160,886		160,886
Economic/business development	3,000		3,000	3,000		3,000
Safety program	-		-	38,494		38,494
Sustainability and public places	4,519		4,519	1,897		1,897
<b>Total expenditures/expenses</b>	<b>342,691</b>		<b>342,691</b>	<b>380,436</b>		<b>380,436</b>
Excess of revenues over expenditures (expenditures over revenues)	92,758	(92,758)		12,631	(12,631)	
Change in net position		89,114	89,114		(4,471)	(4,471)
Fund balance/net position:						
Beginning of year	104,207	364,141	468,348	91,576	381,243	472,819
End of year	\$ 196,965	\$ 360,497	\$ 557,462	\$ 104,207	\$ 364,141	\$ 468,348
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:						
Net change in fund balance - governmental funds			\$ 92,758			\$ 12,631
Property tax revenue is recognized in the year it is levied rather than when it is available for governmental funds			(3,644)			(17,102)
Change in net position			\$ 89,114			\$ (4,471)

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**LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**  
**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #23**  
**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #35**

**NOTES TO COMBINING AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Summary of significant accounting policies**

**Organization:**

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (LPCC) was founded in 1947 to conceive, design and implement programs and services that directly impact the success of its members; to act as a members' advocate and lead economic development efforts that sustain businesses in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago, Illinois.

Special Service Area #23 (SSA #23) and Special Service Area #35 (SSA #35) are taxing districts authorized by the City of Chicago to utilize tax revenues to enhance, beautify and maintain certain commercial areas within the specific boundaries serviced by LPCC. SSA #23 and SSA #35 are each governed by their respective Commissions whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. Tax revenues received by SSA #23 and SSA #35 must be maintained in separate cash accounts.

SSA #23 encompasses the area on Clark St. from Armitage to Diversey and the south side of Diversey Parkway from Lakeview to Orchard Ave.

SSA #35 encompasses the area on Lincoln Ave. from Diversey Parkway to Webster Avenue.

**Tax status:**

LPCC is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, except on net income derived from unrelated business activities. LPCC sells advertising, which is subject to tax on unrelated business income.

SSA #23 and SSA #35 are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Basis of accounting:**

The combining and combined financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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**1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Principles of combination:**

The combining and combined financial statements include the accounts of the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Special Service Area #23, and Special Service Area #35. The administration of SSA #23 and SSA #35 are an integral part of LPCC's operations. All material inter-entity accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the combination.

**Basis of presentation:**

LPCC's net assets are classified into two classes: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets with donor restrictions are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that either expire by passage of time, can be fulfilled and removed by actions of LPCC or must be maintained permanently by LPCC. LPCC had no net assets with donor restrictions at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

**Government-wide and fund financial statements – Special Service Areas:**

The financial statements of SSA #23 and SSA #35 have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units, hereinafter referred to as GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). The accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is GASB (the Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

Government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and statement of activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting for all of the SSA's activities. The fund financial statements, which focuses on the SSA's governmental funds current financial resources measurement focus, are prepared on the modified accrual basis.

The SSA accounts for its activities in one fund, its general fund.

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**NOTES TO COMBINING AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Measurement focus, basis of accounting and financial statement presentation – SSA's:**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are levied.

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied. Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

**Cash equivalents:**

Cash equivalents include investments with maturities of three months or less at date of purchase and various money market mutual funds.

**Trade accounts receivable:**

Trade accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Based on management's assessment of the credit history with customers and others having outstanding balances and current relationships with them, it has concluded that realization losses on balances outstanding at year-end will be immaterial.

**Grants receivable:**

Grants receivable is stated at the amount management expects to be collected within one year and are recorded at net realizable value. The Organization regularly monitors collectability of grants receivable, and in the event that circumstances indicate that a receivable may not be fully realizable, an allowance to reduce the receivable to the net realizable value would be recorded. Based on management's assessment of the year-end receivables and current relationships with grantors, management has concluded that realization losses on remaining balances outstanding at year-end will be immaterial. An allowance for uncollectible accounts is considered unnecessary and is not provided.

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**NOTES TO COMBINING AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Property tax receivable:**

All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. For SSA #23, the allowance is estimated to be approximately 2% of outstanding property tax receivables for each year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. For SSA #35, the allowance is estimated to be approximately 2% of outstanding property tax receivables for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

**Property and equipment and related depreciation:**

Property and equipment are stated at cost. LPCC provides for depreciation using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

**Fund equity/net position – Special Service Areas:**

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by enabling legislation or an outside party. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA board. Unassigned fund balance is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the SSA's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balance is reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

For the government-wide financial statements, net position is reported as invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted or unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt, if applicable, is comprised of the net capital asset balance less any related debt. Restricted net position is when restrictions are placed on net assets from 1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The remaining net position is classified as unrestricted.

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**1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Revenue recognition:**

LPCC receives membership dues applicable to one-year membership periods. Income from membership dues is deferred until earned.

LPCC also receives advertising revenue in advance. Prepaid advertising revenue is deferred until earned.

Deferred revenue totaled \$66,934 and \$52,702 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

**Functional allocation of expenses:**

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include salaries, depreciation, insurance, occupancy, and various administrative expenses which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

**Investments:**

Investments are stated at fair value. Realized and unrealized investment gains and losses and other net investment income are reflected in the combining and combined statement of activities and changes in net assets as changes in unrestricted net assets (See Note 5).

**Use of estimates:**

The preparation of the combining and combined financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Reclassifications:**

Certain accounts in the prior year combining and combined financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current year combining and combined financial statements.

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**2. Property taxes – Special Service Areas**

Property taxes become an enforceable lien on real property on January 1 of the year it is levied. Taxes are payable in two installments in the subsequent year. The first installment is an estimate based on the prior year billed levy (55%) and is due in March. The second installment is due on August 1, or 30 days after the mailing of the tax bills, if issued later than July 1. The second installment is based on the remaining amount of the levy on file with the County. Bills are issued and collected by Cook County who remits the SSA's share to the city who then remits the monies to the SSA.

**3. Revenue recognition**

The Organization adopted the requirements of the ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. This ASU provides comprehensive guidance on the recognition of revenue from customers arising from the transfer of goods and services, guidance on accounting for certain contract costs, and new disclosures.

**Disaggregation and significant judgments:**

Membership agreements provide the Organization's members with membership benefits during a one-year contract term. The usage of such benefits is estimated to be evenly applied throughout the contract term. The Organization recognizes membership dues revenues for financial reporting purposes over time. This method is used because management considers time to be the best available measure of progress on contracts. The Organization also receives advertising revenues, which are recognized at the "point in time" when the services are provided.

**Performance obligations:**

Payment for membership dues is due at the start of the contract term. Billed amounts related to future periods are deferred until the expiration of such periods. The remaining performance obligations represent future periods of existing contract terms and are expected to be recognized as revenue within one year.

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**4. Liquidity and availability**

The following represents the financial assets at December 31, 2021:

<b>December 31, 2021</b>	<b>LPCC</b>	<b>SSA #23</b>	<b>SSA #35</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Financial assets at year-end:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 188,278	\$ 212,960	\$ 144,393	\$ 545,631
Investments	120,726			120,726
Accounts receivable	850			850
Grants receivable	122,088			122,088
Property tax receivable		478,669	413,069	891,738
<b>Total financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year</b>				
	<b>\$ 431,942</b>	<b>\$ 691,629</b>	<b>\$ 557,462</b>	<b>\$ 1,681,033</b>

The following represents the financial assets at December 31, 2020:

<b>December 31, 2020</b>	<b>LPCC</b>	<b>SSA #23</b>	<b>SSA #35</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Financial assets at year-end:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 152,203	\$ 222,801	\$ 75,303	\$ 450,307
Investments	122,160			122,160
Accounts receivable	4,050			4,050
Grants receivable	8,971			8,971
Property tax receivable		483,695	393,045	876,740
<b>Total financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year</b>				
	<b>\$ 287,384</b>	<b>\$ 706,496</b>	<b>\$ 468,348</b>	<b>\$ 1,462,228</b>

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**4. Liquidity and availability (continued)**

LPCC, SSA #23, and SSA #35 manage available cash to meet general expenditures following these principles:

- Meet operating needs and contractual commitments
- Maintain adequate liquid assets
- Maximize investment opportunities
- Maintain sufficient reserves to fund operating spending

The sources of liquidity available are cash, investments, accounts, and property tax receivables. Management monitors the bank account and budgeted spending to maintain the reserve.

**5. Investments**

LPCC's investments are stated at fair value based on quoted prices in active markets (all Level 1 measurements) and consist of the following:

December 31,	2021	2020
Bond mutual funds	\$ 105,081	\$ 112,468
Exchange traded funds	15,645	9,692
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 120,726</b>	<b>\$ 122,160</b>

Dividend income of \$2,984 and \$4,550 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, is included in interest and dividend income. Unrealized gains (losses) totaling (\$4,092) and \$3,537 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, is included in realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments on the combining and combined statement of activities and changes in net assets.



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**6. Related party transaction**

LPCC is the sole service provider to SSA #23 and SSA #35, Taxing Districts authorized by the City of Chicago. LPCC is paid a management fee and is also reimbursed for ongoing administration expenses such as rent, utilities and postage.

The management fees for SSA #23 totaled \$140,095 and \$136,750 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The management fees for SSA #35 totaled \$112,345 and \$106,250 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

**7. Lease commitments**

LPCC is obligated under an operating lease for its office space located in Chicago, Illinois. The lease expires on September 30, 2028, with one option for a five-year extension.

Total rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$42,965 and \$42,126, respectively.

LPCC also leases equipment under various operating leases which expire between the years 2021 through 2025 and have monthly lease payments aggregating approximately \$220. Total rent expense included in operations under equipment leases was \$1,283 and \$2,642 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year ending December 31:	Office lease	Equipment leases	Total
2022	\$ 45,000	\$ 830	\$ 45,830
2023	45,000	830	45,830
2024	45,000	830	45,830
2025	45,000	622	45,622
2026	45,000		45,000
Thereafter	78,750		78,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 303,750</b>	<b>\$ 3,112</b>	<b>\$ 306,862</b>

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**8. Retirement plan**

LPCC maintains a SIMPLE IRA plan covering all eligible employees. The matching contributions made to the plan were \$9,847 and \$9,934 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

**9. Notes payable**

On January 27, 2021, LPCC was granted a loan from a Chicago area bank in the amount totaling \$80,065, under the Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”). The PPP, established as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), provides for loans to qualifying organizations for amounts up to 2.5 times the average monthly payroll expenses of the qualifying organization. Under the terms of the PPP, the loan and accrued interest may be forgiven if used for qualifying expenses as described in the CARES Act, which include payroll, employee benefits, rent and utilities.

The unforgiven portion of the PPP loan is payable over two years at an interest rate of 1%, with a deferral of payments for the first seven months. The loan was forgiven on July 8, 2021.

**10. Subsequent events**

Management of LPCC has reviewed and evaluated subsequent events from December 31, 2021, the combining and combined financial statement date, through April 26, 2022, the date the combining and combined financial statements were available to be issued. No events have occurred in this period that would be required to be recognized and/or disclosed in these combining and combined financial statements as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:						
Interest	\$ 19		\$ 19	\$ 41		\$ 41
Tax levy income:						
2014 tax levy				(1,090)		(1,090)
2015 tax levy	(3,508)		(3,508)	(2,236)		(2,236)
2016 tax levy	(1,306)		(1,306)	(5,025)		(5,025)
2017 tax levy	(4,657)		(4,657)	(2,659)		(2,659)
2018 tax levy	(1,587)		(1,587)	800		800
2019 tax levy	3,230		3,230	2,662	\$ 493,250	(490,588)
2019 tax levy interest				14		14
2020 tax levy	(5,839)	\$ 494,095	(499,934)	512,596		512,596
2020 tax levy interest	3		3			
2021 tax levy	512,105		512,105			
<b>Total tax levy income</b>	<b>498,441</b>	<b>494,095</b>	<b>4,346</b>	<b>505,062</b>	<b>493,250</b>	<b>11,812</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>498,460</b>	<b>494,095</b>	<b>4,365</b>	<b>505,103</b>	<b>493,250</b>	<b>11,853</b>

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)**

Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Expenses:</b>						
SSA management expenses:						
Annual report	750	750		1,000	1,000	
Audit	5,500	5,500		5,250	5,250	
Bookkeeping	1,125	1,125		1,050	1,050	
Equipment maintenance	1,800	1,800		1,800	1,800	
IT monitoring services	1,125	1,125		1,050	1,050	
Liability/property insurance	675	675		600	600	
Meeting expenses	975	975		975	975	
Office equipment lease and maintenance	1,050	1,050		1,050	1,050	
Office printing	450	450		375	375	
Office rent	7,800	7,800		7,800	7,800	
Office supplies	345	345		300	300	
Office utilities and telephone	3,300	3,300		3,300	3,300	
Postage and delivery	1,125	1,125		1,125	1,125	
Professional development	1,125	1,125		1,125	1,125	
Subscriptions/dues	450	450		450	450	
<b>Total SSA management expenses</b>	<b>27,595</b>	<b>27,595</b>		<b>27,250</b>	<b>27,250</b>	
Customer attraction expenses:						
Decorative banners	39,000	41,750	(2,750)		600	(600)
Holiday decorations	54,360	54,400	(40)	17,840	21,000	(3,160)
Marketing rebate program	6,819	6,819		5,396	30,000	(24,604)
Print materials				98	500	(402)
Public relations and media services	15,750	15,750			16,000	(16,000)
Social media management	420	500	(80)	420	3,000	(2,580)
Special events	11,300	11,300		16,210	26,000	(9,790)
Vandalism Rebate Program	500	1,000	(500)		2,000	(2,000)
Website	444	500	(56)			
<b>Total customer attraction expenses</b>	<b>128,593</b>	<b>132,019</b>	<b>(3,426)</b>	<b>39,964</b>	<b>99,100</b>	<b>(59,136)</b>

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)**

Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Expenses: (continued)						
Economic/business development expenses:						
Economic impact and marketing studies		500	(500)	2,500	2,500	
Site marketing	3,000	5,000	(2,000)	3,000	4,000	(1,000)
SSA designation	39,800	44,000	(4,200)			
Strategic Planning		500	(500)			
<b>Total economic/business development expenses</b>	<b>42,800</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>(7,200)</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>
Personnel expenses:						
Personnel cost	112,500	112,500		109,500	109,500	
<b>Total personnel expenses</b>	<b>112,500</b>	<b>112,500</b>		<b>109,500</b>	<b>109,500</b>	
Public way aesthetics expenses:						
Acid etching removal					500	(500)
City permits	75	500	(425)		2,000	(2,000)
Façade enhancement program - rebates	10,000	23,250	(13,250)	5,000	10,500	(5,500)
Health and sanitation rebate program	6,466	7,200	(734)	10,308	50,000	(39,692)
Landscaping	49,247	50,000	(753)	56,473	61,000	(4,527)
Public art	9,348	9,400	(52)	45,069	52,000	(6,931)
Sidewalk maintenance	37,654	37,700	(46)	29,460	34,000	(4,540)
Sidewalk power washing	14,050	14,181	(131)	13,075	16,000	(2,925)
Snow removal	27,610	28,000	(390)	27,610	28,000	(390)
Streetscape maintenance and repair	1,107	1,400	(293)	4,768	7,500	(2,732)
Way finding/signage				3,145	5,000	(1,855)
<b>Total public way aesthetics expenses</b>	<b>155,557</b>	<b>171,631</b>	<b>(16,074)</b>	<b>194,908</b>	<b>266,500</b>	<b>(71,592)</b>

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)**

Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Expenses: (continued)						
Safety program expenses:						
Safety marketing and educational programs					1,000	(1,000)
Safety improvement programs		1,000	(1,000)		2,000	(2,000)
Security patrol services		750	(750)	35,359	35,900	(541)
Total safety program expenses		1,750	(1,750)	35,359	38,900	(3,541)
Sustainability and public places expenses:						
Bicycle transit enhancements	18,365	18,700	(335)		10,000	(10,000)
Garbage/recycling program	4,881	4,900	(19)	2,900	5,000	(2,100)
Total sustainability and public places expenses	23,246	23,600	(354)	2,900	15,000	(12,100)
Total expenses	490,291	519,095	(28,804)	415,381	562,750	(147,369)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	8,169	(25,000)	33,169	89,722	(69,500)	159,222
Estimated carryover		25,000	(25,000)		69,500	(69,500)
Net assets, beginning of year	287,763		287,763	198,041		198,041
Net assets, end of year	\$ 295,932		\$ 295,932	\$ 287,763		\$ 287,763

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**SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**Summary schedule of findings**

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial Statement Guidelines prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development, we have read the requirements contained in the Agreement for Special Service Area #23 between the City of Chicago and Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Per Article 5.03, the Contractor (SSA #23) established a separate checking account at Byline Bank in Chicago, Illinois. All Service Tax Funds were automatically deposited into this checking account. The Contractor did not commingle Service Tax Funds with funds from any other source.

Based on our understanding of the agreement and the facts surrounding the performance under the agreement, we noted no exceptions. Many contractual items were included in the agreement which dealt with non-accounting and non-financial matters of which we had no knowledge.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>						
Late collections					\$ 1,276	\$ (1,276)
<b>Tax levy income:</b>						
2015 tax levy	\$ (1,088)		\$ (1,088)	\$ (1,044)		(1,044)
2016 tax levy	(1,656)		(1,656)	(43,795)		(43,795)
2017 tax levy	(2,099)		(2,099)	(1,247)		(1,247)
2018 tax levy	(942)		(942)	10,979		10,979
2019 tax levy	(146)		(146)	9,009	383,350	(374,341)
2019 tax levy Interest				18		18
2020 tax levy	15,660	\$ 402,045	(386,385)	419,147		419,147
2020 tax levy Interest	7		7			
2021 tax levy	425,713		425,713			
<b>Total tax levy income</b>	<b>435,449</b>	<b>402,045</b>	<b>33,404</b>	<b>393,067</b>	<b>383,350</b>	<b>9,717</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>435,449</b>	<b>402,045</b>	<b>33,404</b>	<b>393,067</b>	<b>384,626</b>	<b>8,441</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
<b>Customer attraction expenses:</b>						
Decorative banners	5,000	5,000			500	(500)
Holiday decorations	13,780	17,800	(4,020)	21,939	22,000	(61)
Marketing rebate program	8,849	8,850	(1)	5,161	12,000	(6,839)
Print materials		100	(100)	59	100	(41)
Public relations and media services					1,000	(1,000)
Social media outreach					1,000	(1,000)
Special events	11,389	13,000	(1,611)	41,750	43,000	(1,250)
Vandalism rebate				1,000	1,000	
Website		100	(100)			
<b>Total customer attraction expenses</b>	<b>39,018</b>	<b>44,850</b>	<b>(5,832)</b>	<b>69,909</b>	<b>80,600</b>	<b>(10,691)</b>



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SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #35**

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)**

Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Expenses: (continued)						
SSA management expenses:						
Annual report	750	750		1,000	1,000	
Audit	5,500	5,500		5,250	5,250	
Bookkeeping	1,125	1,125		1,050	1,050	
Equipment maintenance	1,800	1,800		1,800	1,800	
IT monitoring services	1,125	1,125		1,050	1,050	
Liability/property insurance	675	675		600	600	
Meeting expenses	975	975		975	975	
Office equipment lease and maintenance	1,050	1,050		1,050	1,050	
Office rent	7,800	7,800		7,800	7,800	
Office supplies	345	345		300	300	
Office utilities and telephone	3,300	3,300		3,300	3,300	
Postage	1,125	1,125		1,125	1,125	
Printing	450	450		375	375	
Professional development	1,125	1,125		1,125	1,125	
Subscriptions/dues	450	450		450	450	
<b>Total SSA management expenses</b>	<b>27,595</b>	<b>27,595</b>		<b>27,250</b>	<b>27,250</b>	
Personnel expenses:						
Personnel cost	84,750	84,750		79,000	79,000	
<b>Total personnel expenses</b>	<b>84,750</b>	<b>84,750</b>		<b>79,000</b>	<b>79,000</b>	

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Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Expenses: (continued)						
Public way aesthetics expenses:						
City permits	450	500	(50)	600	1,500	(900)
Façade enhancement program - rebates	15,000	15,000		11,488	27,000	(15,512)
Health and sanitation rebate program	7,952	8,000	(48)	7,519	18,000	(10,481)
Landscaping	27,284	28,000	(716)	66,303	67,000	(697)
Public art	3,500	3,500				
Sidewalk maintenance	37,869	38,000	(131)	28,636	35,000	(6,364)
Sidewalk power washing	8,100	8,100		11,595	13,500	(1,905)
Snow removal	28,000	28,000		28,000	28,000	
Streetscape elements	54,059	154,150	(100,091)	2,743	14,236	(11,493)
Way finding / signage	1,595	1,600	(5)	4,002	4,500	(498)
<b>Total public way aesthetics expenses</b>	<b>183,809</b>	<b>284,850</b>	<b>(101,041)</b>	<b>160,886</b>	<b>208,736</b>	<b>(47,850)</b>
Economic/business development expenses:						
Economic impact study		500	(500)		500	(500)
Master planning					1,000	(1,000)
Site marketing	3,000	3,000		3,000	4,000	(1,000)
<b>Total economic/business development expenses</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>
Safety program expenses:						
Safety marketing and educational programs					500	(500)
Safety improvement programs					1,000	(1,000)
Security patrol services				38,494	39,540	(1,046)
<b>Total safety program expenses</b>				<b>38,494</b>	<b>41,040</b>	<b>(2,546)</b>
Sustainability and public places expenses:						
Bicycle transit enhancements	4,519	6,500	(1,981)		500	(500)
Garbage/recycling program				1,897	2,000	(103)
<b>Total sustainability and public places expenses</b>	<b>4,519</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>(1,981)</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>(603)</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>342,691</b>	<b>452,045</b>	<b>(109,354)</b>	<b>380,436</b>	<b>444,626</b>	<b>(64,190)</b>

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Years ended December 31,	2021			2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Increase (decrease) in net assets	92,758	(50,000)	142,758	12,631	(60,000)	72,631
Estimated carryover		50,000	(50,000)		60,000	(60,000)
Net assets, beginning of year	104,207		104,207	91,576		91,576
Net assets, end of year	\$ 196,965		\$ 196,965	\$ 104,207		\$ 104,207

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**SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**Summary schedule of findings**

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial Statement Guidelines prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development, we have read the requirements contained in the Agreement for Special Service Area #35 between the City of Chicago and Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Per Article 5.03, the Contractor (SSA #35) established a separate checking account at First Midwest Bank in Chicago, Illinois. All Service Tax Funds were automatically deposited into this checking account. The Contractor did not commingle Service Tax Funds with funds from any other source.

Based on our understanding of the agreement and the facts surrounding the performance under the agreement, we noted no exceptions. Many contractual items were included in the agreement which dealt with non-accounting and non-financial matters of which we had no knowledge.

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