

WPB (SSA #33) Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday September 20, 2017
Wicker Park Field House
1425 N. Damen Ave.
In attendance:

Brent Norsman (BN)
Rebecca Dohe (RD)
Wayne Janik (WJ)
David Ginople (DG)
Joe Hall (JH)
Marcy Huttas (MH), arrived at 7:15

Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.
Introductions by Chair

Guests- Tom Bellino, commissioner applicant, 3 students- Daniel Pesci (?), Jorge Perez and unknown, Jessica Wobbekind (managing director), Michael Ashkenasi (ssa program specialist)

2. Voting for Executive Committee positions of Vice Chair and Treasurer
WJ nominates BN for Chair and DG for Secretary, RD 2nds, all in favor. Term to take effect in January, 2018.

3. Review of July 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by: WJ; Seconded by: RD

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

4. Financial Reports, July and August 2017; delivered by WJ

Motion to approve the financial reports made by: JH; Seconded by: DG

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

5. Chamber of Commerce Report, delivered by JW
Sidewalk Sale was a success, there was a fashion show, attendance was decent for a first time event, ideas for improvement next year. The mixer was at Dove's Luncheonette, it was well attended. The Dinnercrawl is coming up very soon, tickets are selling really well; Chillfest is in progress.

6. Program Manager Report, delivered by JW
Updates on budget status- we received a letter of support from the 1st ward, we are still waiting on the 2nd. Updates on art installations- we should find a new location for the Wicker Tree,

permitting at the park district is too complicated, BN would like to see architectural drawings of the “One Big Thing” arch. Blue Lounge permitting is continuing to be difficult. DG and I went to Naperville for the APA-IL conference, I was on a panel talking about implementation of plans, then we accepted the award for community engagement. Received an award from IDA for OGP the next day.

PASS CHAIR TO RD

7. Reports of Committees

a. Executive, delivered by BN

Motion 1: on behalf of the Clean, Green and Safe Committee, to fund sidewalk snow removal in an amount not to exceed \$82,366 from Line Item 2.12 (sidewalk snowplowing), starting November 15, 2017 and ending April 15, 2018. This will be performed by Christy Webber Landscapes on North, Damen, Division, Ashland and Western and Cleanslate on Milwaukee.

Motion to approve made by: BN; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion? This is the exact same cost as last year. If we don't get a letter of support, we shouldn't sign the contracts. JH- is there a contingency plan? We are hoping it doesn't come to that.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 2: to approve the funding of creating up to twenty-five new tree pits and planting up to fifty-five new trees in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from line item 2.02 (landscaping).

Motion to approve made by: BN; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion? This is going to be done by CDOT; JH- does forestry do this? MA- if you submit a 311 request but it takes time. JH- we need to make sure that we get adequate coverage for it. Idea for year end press release: saplings, tree pits, bike corrals, green award.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 3: to approve the funding of tree grate maintenance within the SSA district in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 from line item 2.02 (landscaping)

Motion to approve made by: BN; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion? JH- what is the maintenance? MA- just trimming, resetting grates. We did this on Division earlier this year.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 4: to approve the funding of the holiday party to take place December 13, 2017 at the Chopin Theatre in the amount of \$2,000 from line item 1.02 (special events).

Motion to approve made by: BN; Seconded by: WJ

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 5: to approve the funding of planting of three trees in front of the Walgreen's at 1601 N. Milwaukee Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 2.02 (landscaping).

Motion to approve made by: BN; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion? BN explains the trees need to be replanted but CDOT won't do it unless the conduit is removed, a different vendor likely will plant it with the conduit in place. MA- the CDOT forester, Jeff Brink, said that trees there don't live long and the conduit will likely be a problem but we can look into it.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

CHAIR BACK TO BN

- a. Promote WPB** delivered by RD- the committee reviewed re-branding proposals, made a decision, discussed holiday lighting, talked about re-doing OGP in the Spring with a twist.

Motion 1: to approve the funding of the 2017 Chillfest event to take place November 25 in an amount not to exceed \$1,330 from line item 1.10 (community grants).

Motion to approve made by: RD; Seconded by: WJ

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

- a. Transportation: Pedestrians, Passengers & Bikes**, delivered by JH
Milwaukee Avenue pilot project received some opposition on the committee; Blue Lounge Project is stalled but Katherine at Activate can take some, we can buy her a cable if that would help speed up the process.

- b. Guide Development**, delivered by MH
The committee reviewed the market study brochure draft, sent some edits back to Teska.

Motion 1: to approve the security rebate application for Subterranean in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 5.05 (general safety and security programs).

Motion to approve made by: MH; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion? This is for increased service, they will have security on Th, Fr, Sat. & Sun. that will be patrolling around the corner and through the alley. They will document this with a report of incidents and cell phone pictures of the patrol.

JH- this is a good way to bring our safety and security program up to the next level.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

c. Clean and Green, delivered by WJ
Everything was covered in the PM report and the EC motions.

d. Arts, delivered by DG, discussed everything already in the PM report

Motion: to approve Cortney Lederer as a voting member of the WPB SSA #33 Arts Committee.

Motion to approve made by: DG; Seconded by: WJ

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

8. Questions & Announcements
RD – I have a request that in light of JW's resignation, a joint executive committee is set up to discuss staffing. JW will set up a meeting.

9. Adjournment Motion

Adjournment at 8:15

Motion to approve made by: WJ; Seconded by: MH

Passes unanimously