

Clean, and Green
September 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Wayne Janik - Commissioner WPB/Chair
Michael Ashkenasi - SSA Program Specialist

Jessica Wobbekind – WPB Managing Director

Guest:

Stephanie Katsaros – Brightbeat

Mark Davis – CEO, Xtreme Environmental Solutions

Meeting Date: September 5, 2017, 9:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Janik's Cafe, 2011 W. Division St. Chicago, IL. 60622

- **Motions**

- None for the month of September. Only one voting member present. Committee didn't meet in July or August.

- **Wayne's Saplings**

- Working on press release for location publications. Will likely be if/when the Commission funds the planting of new trees.

- **Tree Pit Grate Maintenance**

- MA suggested \$3,500 for tree pit grate maintenance on all SSA streets outside of Division (done earlier this year). Will bring up to Exec. Committee.

- **Cigarette Trash Can Pilot**

- 12 cans were installed earlier this summer. 4 went missing, of these four at least two were at CTA stops so possibly the CTA took them down. The new four locations are at Fatpour, Davenport's Piano Bar, Nick's Beer Garden, and Big Star.

- **Holiday Decorations**

- Responses to RFP to be presented at Exec. Committee meeting.

- **Adopt a Tree**

- Put on hold indefinitely due to lack of interest from businesses.

- **Christy Weber Landscaping Update**

- Summer maintenance of planters and tree pits.

- **Bartlett Tree Update**

- Continued pruning. We may utilize one or more remaining pruning days to remove a handful of dead trees that are too large for CDOT to remove for free.

- **Cleanslate Update**

- Summer Cleaning Schedule continuing. Cleanslate After Dark ended right before Labor Day.
- Requested that they focus on sticker removal on high-traffic areas (train stops, Milwaukee Ave., etc.), especially in September.

- **Graffiti Clearing**

- Cleanslate started low level graffiti removal on March 13, 2017, to continue for the next 36 weeks.
- People continue to pick up supplies for low-level graffiti removal at the Chamber Office.

- **Recycling**

- **Blue Recycling Cans**

- All 10 cans have been placed in existing permitted locations, except for one which Cleanslate is holding for now because of masonry work at the sight (likelihood of dust staining, etc.)
 - **Composting**
 - Currently working on a list of vendors that have met or contacted SSA#33. To be posted on the website.
 - MA communicated the update on the Farmers Market composting pilot that was provided by the market manager, Hans. No metrics on total waste diversion yet since the pilot just started a few weeks ago in August.
 - **2017 Bi Monthly Community Shredding & e-Cycling**
 - Location is Pritzker School's play lot which is located on Evergreen west of Damen.
 - Saturday September 09th at Pritzker School Play Lot, from 10 a.m. to noon.
 - Saturday November 11th at Pritzker School Play Lot, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- **2017 Tree Planting Project**
 - SSA checked on warranty period on the 2016 fall planting. MA has already surveyed all trees and communicated to Moore Landscapes two trees that look like they're not flourishing. These will be replaced at no cost to the SSA.
 - Planning for the fall/winter planting of 50+ more trees. MA has been surveying for potential NEW tree pit sites, as well as existing tree pits where trees are dead or dying. MA has been working with Jeff Brink, Senior Forester for CDOT on this. Last year's cost was ~\$1200 to replace each tree, but working through CDOT the cost would be \$500 per replacement tree planting or \$650 for a new tree pit & tree.
 - There is no additional cost for de-stumping or removing a dead tree, unless the dead tree is greater than 4" caliper. For trees larger than 4", can either submit tree removal requests through 311 - and these will eventually be handled by Bureau of Forestry - or the SSA can choose to use a private vendor for quicker turnaround. Once the large dead trees are removed, CDOT can take care of the new plantings.
- **Other – Xtreme Environmental Solutions**
 - Mr. Davis came with a proposal to help businesses save money on waste hauling and recycling. In essence, Xtreme takes care of negotiating or renegotiating existing hauling contracts for businesses. The Committee will consider the proposal, specifically around increasing recycling for retail businesses.
- **2017 Shovel Ready Projects**
 - **Investigation and pricing phase in progress.**
 - **Fall Mulching** – Investigate the cost of fall mulching, and what are the benefits.
 - **Increase Planting of Tree Pits on Division and the corner of Wood/Milwaukee** – Investigate the cost of increase planting and continue maintenance of planting in tree pits on Division Street with fences, and the corner of Wood/Milwaukee.
- **2017 Possible Major Projects**
 - **Investigation and pricing phase**
 - **Automatic Self-Cleaning public toilets as used in Europe.**
- **Next Meeting**
 - The Clean, Green Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at Janik's Café, 2011 W. Division St.
 - Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 9:05 a.m. at Janik's Café