

**Clean and Green Committee
May Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: May 01, 2018, 9:05 a.m. – 10:00a.m.

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

In attendance: Wayne Janik (chair), Mary Tamminga (voting member), Stephanie Katsaros, Matthias Scheilder, Ron Halvorsky, August (Cleanslate team member), Erik Grossnickle, Samantha Choudhury (SSA Program Manager), Hans Kumler (SSA Program Specialist).

- **Motions**

- **Motion 1*** (*amended from last month's meeting to account for price of 2 additional planters, 4 total*): To approve spending not to exceed \$8,000 to construct and install planter box fences at Mautene Court from line item 2.02 (landscaping). Service to be performed by Why Not Iron.

MT motions, WJ 2nds. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Trees – update provided by Erik Grossnickle, Bartlett Tree Experts**

- 90 trees pruned in March/April, primarily along Damen Ave. and Milwaukee Ave.
- EG delivered city-approved permits for tree pruning to SSA. Each permit lists the location of the tree pruned and tree tag number, for reference. Bartlett will oversee inventory of all SSA trees in fall of 2018. Special attention will be paid to Ash trees affected by Emerald Ash borer. Bartlett will work to identify dying trees and plan to replant with unaffected tree varieties to reduce cost of upkeep.
 - MS to check on open tree pits along Milwaukee/Leavitt and provide a cost estimate for replanting at these locations.

- **Plants--Christy Webber Update, delivered by Matthias Scheidler.**

- MS reports that Christy Webber landscapes conducted area "spring clean up" in early April, which included clearing tree pits of debris, pruning rose bushes planted along North Ave. and preparation for spring plantings in SSA.
- Notable re-occurring issue: many tree pits are now too small for trees planted, which is allowing roots to crown and be stepped on. This is affecting tree health for pits that are cut too small. SSA staff will consider the cost to cut these tree pits wider, to benefit tree health.

- **Trash/Cleanslate Update – delivered by Ron Halvorsky.**

- Cleanslate began "summer schedule" in April—teams are operating in WPB 6 days a week (every day except Wednesdays).
 - Ron reports, for the month of April: 980 graffiti tags were removed; 1,200 trash cans were emptied; 800 stickers and signs removed; 45 jobs placed through the Cleanslate Cara program
 - **Cleanslate After Dark –** Starts June 1 through end of August.
 - **Graffiti Removal—**Removing as needed.

- **Holiday / Fest / Fun**

- **Holiday decorations Update—** RFP updated for 2018 and will be included in April newsletter & SSA website.
 - One inquiry from Downtown Decorations Inc (catalog available). Quote requested.
 - WJ suggests SSA consider installing lights on main SSA corridors in lieu of "welcome banners" currently paid for and hung throughout SSA. HK/SC to investigate costs savings.

- **Recycling**

- **Commercial Recycling Pilot Program.**
 - Continue to monitor existing site and compiling a complete report.

- **2018 Bi Monthly Community Recycling**
 - Location is Pritzker School's play lot which is located on Evergreen west of Damen.
 - Next event: Saturday May 12th at Pritzker School Play Lot, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- **Other New Business/Motions to Discuss**
 - Supply of graffiti materials for 32nd ward staff (\$2,000 granted in 2017). Awaiting order invoice from Steve Jensen.
 - HK reached out to Why Not Iron for quote for fencing at Mautene court
- **2017/2018 RFP's review and updates**
 - Holiday Decorations 2018 – post RFP in April 2018, review July 2018 - to be approved at the September commission meeting.
 - Snow Removal 2018/2019 – post RFP in June 2018, review July 2018 – to be approved at the September commission meeting.
 - Sidewalk cleaning 2019 – post RFP in August 2018, review September 2018 – to be approved at the October 2018 commission meeting.
 - Graffiti removal 2019 – review October 2018 - to be approved at the November 2018 commission meeting.
 - Tree care 2019 – RFP to be sent in December 2018, review January 2019 - to be approved at the February commission meeting.
 - Landscape 2019 – RFP to be sent in December 2018, review January 2019 – to be approved at the February commission meeting.
 - Bi Monthly Community Recycling 2019 – review Feb 2019 – to be approved at the February 2019 commission meeting.
- **2018 Shovel Ready Projects**
 - **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.
- **2018 Possible Major Projects**
 - **Investigation and pricing phase**
 - **Cutting Milwaukee Avenue tree pits wider.**
 - **Automatic Self-Cleaning public toilets as used in Europe**
- **Next meeting**
 - The Clean, and Green Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at Janik's Café, 2011 W. Division St.
 - Tuesday, June 05, 2018 at 9:05 a.m. at Janik's Café.