

**Transportation Committee**  
Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 9:08 am – 10:15 am  
Virtual on Zoom

*In attendance: Joe Hall (Committee Chair), Mary Tamminga (Voting Member), Jason Jenkins (Voting Member)*

*Guests: Erin Sian Williams (Resident), Eli Mancha (Resident/Business Owner)*

*Staff: Alice Howe (Program Specialist), Garrett Karp (Program Manager)*

**1. Updates**

- a. 2021 Bench Order
  - i. Staff received an updated quote to replace an irreparable bench that was damaged on the 2000 block of Damen Ave.
  - ii. Steel prices have also increased so some additional funding needs to be approved to cover the increased costs.
  - iii. GK suggests an additional \$4,000 to cover price increases on top of the initial \$17,000 allocated earlier in the year.

**Motion 1:** The Transportation Committee moves to approve additional funding not to exceed **\$4,000** from line item 2.05 (**Streetscape Elements**) to cover an increase in production and installation costs plus one additional bench from Why Not Iron. (21-0601)

*JH motions. MT Seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

**2. Discussion**

- a. Streetscape Survey
  - i. GK presented the final survey results with over 120 public responses regarding street furniture and streetscaping options for stretches of North Avenue, Damen Avenue, and the Milwaukee/Damen/North intersection to the committee.
- b. Metzger Court
  - i. A new temporary sculpture from Chicago Sculpture Exhibit was installed at the spot recently. The Boombox Plaza and patio café from Tocco (vacant) were recently removed.
  - ii. GK suggests the the SSA focus on simple ways to improve the plaza for public use going into the summer.
  - iii. The committee discussed possibilities of permanent, outdoor seating in different spaces throughout the SSA.
  - iv. The committee agreed that Metzger Court is a good pilot area to begin installing permanent seating and later expanding the program to areas such as the bump-out sidewalk at Damen and Wicker Park Ave. or the Milwaukee/Damen pedestrian island in cooperation with upcoming new tenant in corner café space.
  - v. Staff is working with Illuminight to get quotes on festive lighting options for Metzger Court
  - vi. Potential future options include a stage/podium, additional planters, and repairing the large tree planter pit at the back of the plaza to accommodate a public art installation.

- vii. GK reminds committee that for expenses and street furniture purchases under \$5,000 a full RFP process is not required and permanent tables can be ordered.
- viii. Staff will work with 1<sup>st</sup> Ward office and CDOT to get informal approval in advance of full permitting process

**Motion 2:** The Transportation Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$4,900** from line item 2.05 (**Streetscape Elements**) for the purchase of three to six U-Line Inground Mount Picnic Tables to be installed at Metzger Court. (21-0602)

*JH motions. MT Seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

*Discussion: JH and MT would like to see the tables ordered in blue. ESW would like to be consistent with orange.*

**Motion 3:** The Transportation Committee moves to approve Erin Sian Williams as a voting member.

Discussion: GK points out that ESW has been in attendance at previous 3+ transportation committee meetings which qualifies her to become voting member of the committee.

*JH motions. MT Seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

Next Meeting – September 9<sup>th</sup>