

Clean & Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, February 3rd – 9:00am-10:30am

Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

In attendance: Wayne Janik (Committee Chair), Brett Keeshin (Voting Member), Chi Braunreiter (Voting Member), Steve Jensen (Voting Member), Joe Hall (Voting Member)

Guests: Joshua Kaiser (Christy Webber), Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate), Aby Fewel (My 3 Meals), Michael Schorsch (Resident), Alex Wall (Second City Tuk Tuks)

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Manager), Pamela Maass (Executive Director), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean & Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$22,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to purchase and disseminate 250 units of rat birth control from SenesTech in alleyways within the SSA boundaries. (25-0201)

*BK Motions. SJ seconds. All ayes. **Recommendation passes.***

Updates

1. Christy Webber Updates

- a. Wicker Park Holiday Tree stand removal was scheduled for 2/3, with a recommendation to leave the tree up until March next year to ease stand removal once the ground is no longer frozen. JK discussed their efforts to widen tree beds to avoid sidewalk decay, and AH requested that a comprehensive list be created to order the dead trees that require immediate removal, with a request to local Ward offices to push removal requests with 311.

2. Barnes & Noble Parking Lot

- a. SJ recommended a one-time clean of the Barnes & Noble parking lot, with record for PM, SJ, and ward/police representatives to present to the B&N staff. CB voiced concerns of providing complimentary cleaning work outside of the SSA's boundaries, in that it would encourage them to rely on SSA services going forward. Committee agreed to return to the idea next month, in the case that B&N does not fix it by then.

3. Rat Birth Control

- a. AH informed the committee of SenesTech's quote for the rat birth control program, specifically one month of services through 250 units placed around the neighborhood. Total cost and installation would be \$22,000 for the initial program. CB indicated a need to track the results of the program more effectively, and the Committee decided on criteria/next steps to monitor the program, including: sending out a survey for businesses to self-report rat updates, a Christy Webber survey throughout the month to monitor active rate nests in planters and flowerbeds, and a conversation with the Lincoln Park Zoo/SF Recreation and Parks department on the best ways to track birth control efficacy.

4. Wayfinding

- a. AH proposed another meeting, held in the Chamber office, to have wayfinding proposal presented by the organizations that submitted them, so the committee members could have a more accurate understanding of the proposal before going to vote.

5. Sustainability Rebate

- a. AH discussed the future of the sustainability rebate once the free compost program ends in April.

6. National Bike Month

- a. AH mentioned the multiple programs in the works for May's National Bike Month:
 - i. BFF Bikes Free Tune-ups
 - ii. Active Transportation Alliance Information
 - iii. 1st and 32nd Ward representation to support bike infrastructure
 - iv. Community Bike Ride with Rapha
 - v. Installation of the new bike rack at Churchill Park
 - vi. Free equipment and resources for cyclists
- b. The Committee also recommended the following programming:
 - i. Community Bike Ride with Ride Illinois
 - ii. Pedicabs for the community ride, to support neighbors who are unable to cycle.
 - iii. Ascension Hospital discussion on wellness and health impacts of cycling.
- c. The committee also discussed the bike pump maintenance, which Second City Tuk Tuks and Joe Hall said they would be willing to oversee.

7. Speed Reduction Signs

- a. JH informed the committee that LaSpata's office notified him that they would be pushing forward an effort to install speed reduction signs and generally lower the speed limit in Chicago to 25 MPH in upcoming votes.

Next Meeting – March 3rd