

Clean & Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, January 6th – 9:00am-10:10am

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)

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

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$2,200** from line item **3.04 (Bicycle Transit Enhancements)** to purchase and install a public bike stand in Churchill Park for bicycle repairs. (25-0104)

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

Motion 2: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$3,000** from line item **2.07 (Sidewalk Litter Abatement - Supplies)** for the purchase of paint to be stored in WPBCC office for businesses, residents and aldermanic offices to use to cover graffiti throughout SSA 33. (25-0105)

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

Updates

1. Wayfinding Project 2025

- a. JH recommended some businesses to reach out to apply for the Wayfinding Project, as they worked with SSA 33 previously. Application closes on January 31st.

2. Tree Check-In

- a. JK discussed CW's replanting efforts, as 12 of the 14 new trees motioned for in the end of 2024 have been planted, and the last 2 will be planted when another batch of tree installations is scheduled. Committee asked for signs on trees that are being removed by CW, to guarantee that businesses or construction companies are not removing them. MM mentioned Open Lands and alternative mass tree planting initiatives.

3. National Bike Month

- a. Coming up in May, SSA 33 would like to host some more programming for neighborhood cyclists. AH discussed a bike tune-up event at the Churchill Park entrance to the 606, and WJ recommended keeping a tent up at the park throughout the month so cyclists could pick up free SSA biking merchandise, get tips and advice from cyclists, and get their bikes tuned up by BFF Bikes. CDOT and Active Trans Alliance could also help with programming. Committee also discussed a community bike ride on the 606 during May, as street biking may be too much of a liability.

4. Bike Pump Repairs

- a. Following up on a 2024 recommendation, the Committee discussed hiring a local bike shop to repair the public SSA bike pumps, and BFF Bikes and West Town Bikes were

recommended as potential contractors. Additionally, WJ asked that a bike stand for repairs be installed by the Churchill Park pump.

5. Rat Birth Control

- a. AH discussed previous efforts to enact a rat birth control system, to cut out toxins in our neighborhood and find a more humane method to deal with a serious rat problem. She cited previous quotes for the program as \$9,000 to cover 250 alleys for 2-4 weeks of effectiveness, and she recommended reaching out to the Aldermen's offices to see if they would be able to provide some menu money to support the program. M recommended some simple solutions that he uses to sterilize the rats around the public park off Beach St. AH said she would find current pricing for the program, and proof of concept in other cities/communities.

6. New Bench Design

- a. WJ recommended that an RFP be released for designers to submit options for a new WPB SSA #33 bench design, which AH and LS will post.

7. You Are Beautiful Sign

- a. WJ recommended that the Arts Committee considered a touch up of the mural at Roberto Clemente.

8. Monthly Check-Ins

- a. Cleanslate snow service has begun, with public way salt coverage and teams available for supplemental snow removal. SJ recommended replacing driving signs in the neighborhood through the local ward offices, as it is leading to more accidents and crashes into public way furniture.
- b. CW said they would provide more tree replacement recommendations in the new year, and spring plantings will take place in the coming months.

9. Public Signage

- a. AH said that the snowflakes will be taken down from street lamps at the end of February. SJ asked for clarification on the LSCC banners on Damen Ave, as they seem to be outside of their boundary.

Next Meeting – February 3rd