

Clean, Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, November 3rd – 9:00am-10:35am

Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

In attendance: Wayne Janik (Committee Chair), Aby Fewel (Voting Member), Chi Braunreiter (Voting Member), Brett Keeshin (Voting Member), Jason Jenkins (Voting Member), Mary Tamminga (Voting Member), Joe Hall (Voting Member)

Guests: Ron Holakovsky (Cleanslate), Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate), Joshua Kaiser (Christy Webber), Erik Grossnickle (Bartlett Tree Experts), Anthony Lozano (Land Care)

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

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$415,500** from line item **2.08 (Sidewalk Maintenance & Litter Abatement)** for Cleanslate to provide snow removal and litter abatement services 7 days a week and After Dark services 3 days a week in 2026. (25-1101-M)

Discussion: AH recommended adjusting the contract from the previous year to include 3 days of After Dark service per week, Thursday-Saturday, hence the rise in cost compared to 2025 (\$396,000). Committee discussed alternatives for litter abatement that would have a greater lasting impact, to be discussed in committee in 2026. WJ also clarified that the contract will need to state that snow removal begins at 1" of snowfall.

*BK recommends, AF seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 2: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$63,500** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Bartlett Tree Experts to perform annual pruning, maintenance, and inventory in 2026. (25-1102-M)

*CB recommends, AF seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 3: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$56,500** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Christy Webber to provide general landscaping services for all of the SSA in 2026. (25-1103-M)

Discussion: After comparing the two proposals, the committee decided to maintain service with Christy Webber, on account of the established, developing relationship and ongoing experience with other SSAs. Committee discussed the removal of tree grates under the contract for accessibility.

*BK recommends, MT seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation Passes.***

Motion 4: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$64,500** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Christy Webber Landscaping to provide landscaping services for the Milwaukee and Damen Ave planters for the SSA in 2026. (25-1104-M)

Discussion: Committee agreed that they would prefer to keep the landscaping contracts connected under the same vendor.

*CB recommends, AF seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 5: The Clean & Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve additional funding not to exceed **\$50,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Christy Webber Landscaping to remove and replace up to fifty (50) ash trees with other tree species located within WPB SSA 33 boundaries. (25-1105)

Discussion: Committee inquired about finding trees that are better suited for vertical roots to take hold to lessen the impact on surrounding sidewalks.

*MT recommends, CB seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Monthly Check-Ins

1. Bartlett Trees

- a. Bartlett discussed their efforts to update the neighbor-wide inventory of trees within SSA #33, and clarified their progress in replacing all ash trees.

2. Christy Webber Landscaping

- a. JK discussed the winter planter installation, to be held 11/13 & 11/14, and the holiday tree for Wicker Park will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving.

3. Cleanslate

- a. LK and RH discussed an increased focus in graffiti abatement in the last few weeks, and additional locations for power washing have been shared with the Cleanslate team. A focus on leaf pickup and trash can cleaning.

Updates

1. Metzger Court Parklet

- a. AH discussed new designs for Metzger Court, mentioning the Fire Station Parklet near Old Town, that has significant dedicated space to landscaping and greenery. The committee discussed potential for an amphitheater/performance space as well, once dimensions of the park are discussed with Daebok BBQ. RFP for streetscaping to be released in 2026.

2. Bike Events/Pumps

- a. 2026 Bike Events are being scheduled, as the committee awaits MMOM schedule next year. Intention to collaborate with Active Transportation Alliance in May 2026, and host bike events at least once per month in Spring/Summer 2026. LS to work with JH to develop a Bike Pump Repair RFP, and AH recommended installing a bike pump by Park 567 near Ipsento.

Next Meeting – 2026