

Clean, Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, September 8th – 9:00am-10:55am

Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

In attendance: Wayne Janik (Committee Chair), Aby Fewel (Voting Member), Mary Tamminga (Voting Member), Chi Braunreiter (Voting Member),

Guests: Ryan Mirkes (RBCDC), Laura Yopez (Wicker Park Inn), Erik Grossnickle (Bartlett), Joshua Kaiser (Christy Webber)

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

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$22,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for the purchase of rat birth control and rat boxes from Senestech to be distributed through the end of 2025. (25-0904).

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

Motion 2: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$6,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to contract Ryan Mirkes as a Rat Birth Control Distribution Contractor to monitor, refill, and replace rat birth control boxes for 10 hours of work/week through the end of 2025. (25-0905).

Discussion: The committee agreed to double the original recommendation from \$3,000 for 5 hrs/week in order to make sure that all rat boxes could be adequately serviced.

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

Motion 3: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$3,000** from line item **5.04 (Bicycle Safety Programs)** to fund the additional purchase of front and rear bike lights and bicycle check-up services from a local bike shop. (25-0906).

Discussion: The committee recommended reaching out to multiple bicycle shops to guarantee that the greatest number of cyclists are receiving check-ups at future events, to account for the event's new popularity.

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

Motion 4: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$27,400** from line item **2.07 (Sidewalk Litter Abatement – Supplies)** to fund the previous installation of 20 trash cans along Milwaukee Ave and the purchase and future installation of 20 more trash cans throughout the SSA boundaries. (25-0907).

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

Motion 5: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,000** from line item **1.06 (Holiday Decorations)** to fund the purchase of LED Holiday Lights to be distributed to SSA pin-holders (2 boxes per pin held). (25-0908).

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

Motion 6: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed \$6,000 from line item **2.07 (Sidewalk Litter Abatement – Supplies)** to fund the purchase and installation of 20 cigarette disposal bins throughout the SSA boundaries. (25-0909)

Discussion: MT requested that new cigarette containers be installed near the Damen Blue Line stop, and the committee decided to do a full neighborhood restock.

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

Monthly Check-Ins

1. Bartlett Trees

- a. EG explained Bartlett's current services for 2025, including a soil check-up, potassium polyphosphite infusion, planned pruning in the fall, creating a full tree inventory, and more. WJ discussed the complications in reserving street closure permits when removing trees in the neighborhood and requested that the corresponding alderperson be contacted when one of the removal requests are submitted.

2. Christy Webber Landscaping

- a. JK informed the committee that the fall flowers would be planted by September 15th, and the winter planter order is going out soon. PM requested that the switch from fall to winter plants happen either before or after Small Business Saturday (11/29) to make sure the shopping corridors are aesthetically pleasing.

Updates

1. Litter Abatement/Sidewalk Maintenance Services

- a. Due to certain Cleanslate services not meeting expectations, the Committee discussed releasing a 6-month RFP contract to confirm that whichever service provider handles litter abatement and sidewalk maintenance in 2026 will be able to meet the standards and receive a half-year check-in. Additionally, WJ requested that the RFP specifically mentions planter moving and installation. The committee also discussed combining the litter abatement and snow removal RFPs and creating a new RFP for sidewalk maintenance, graffiti abatement, and power washing services for another provider to make sure the work is properly shared.

2. Recycling Can Removal

- a. AH shared that there are 9 blue recycling can containers near the Damen/Milwaukee/North intersection that stand next to existing trash cans and are serviced as standard trash. WJ recommended that AH reach out to Cleanslate for a quote on removing those cans as soon as possible.

3. Iron Fences on Division & North

- a. WJ requested that AH and LS get quotes on replacing or repairing the iron planter fences on Division and North, likely replacing with aluminum to avoid quick rusting.

4. Additional RBCDC Role

- a. Committee discussed the potential to expand the RBC program and the need for another contractor to potentially service all of the rat holes in planters and in landscaping.

5. Furniture Maintenance

- a. Another concern of the current sidewalk maintenance contract, as the Committee wants more regular service to our streetscape furniture and lamp poles.

Next Meeting – October 6th