

Clean, Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, January 5th – 9:00am-10:20am
Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

In attendance: Wayne Janik (Committee Chair), Jason Jenkins (Voting Member), Mary Tamminga (Voting Member)

Guests: Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate), Joshua Kaiser (Christy Webber)

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

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$24,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to fund an annual contract for Ryan Mirkes to monitor and refill rat birth control containers within the SSA #33 rat birth control pilot program boundaries. (26-0101)

Discussion: AH clarified that the program was managed by the same contractor for the last 4 months of 2025 to success, and SSA #33's collaboration with Senestech will yield statistics on rat population updates in the coming weeks.

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

Motion 2: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$7,300** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to fund an annual contract for Christy Webber Landscaping to monitor and refill rat birth control pellets within SSA #33 landscaping beds and tree pits. (26-0102)

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

Monthly Check-Ins

1. Christy Webber Landscaping

- a. JK discussed the 2026 planting schedule and finalizing the flower selection for the year. CW also mentioned the Ash Tree Removal and Replacement efforts, with new trees being installed through the spring, and efforts to ease/regulate the permitting system for it.

2. Cleanslate

- a. LK discussed the planter cleaning to be held in April, and After Dark going to 3 days per week going forward. Additionally, the Cleanslate team will be installing the 18 new cigarette containers and graffiti removal will be on hiatus until April 1.

Updates

1. Metzger Court Parklet

- a. The committee discussed making the Metzger Court Parklet redesign the primary project of the Committee in 2026. AH and LS will release an RFP in the coming weeks, and JK was able to provide some clarification on what the RFP would need to include and approximate pricing for a project of this magnitude.

2. Green Event Planning

- a. The Committee discussed expectations for the Green Event in 2026, including a weekend collaboration with the Wicker Park Farmers Market in May, including classes, sustainable vendors, compostable/e-waste resources, local city official presentations and more. AH will meet with Chicago Parks to discuss the planned extent of the event.

3. Bike Rack/Bench Redesign

- a. WJ inquired about the progress of the bike rack/bench redesign. AH confirmed that sustainable bench inspiration would likely come from the Metzger Court Redesign, and the committee is looking to place the remaining bike racks in storage around the neighborhood before designing and ordering new racks. LS will do research on viable locations for the remaining bike racks.

Next Meeting – February 2nd