

Clean, Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, June 1st – 9:00am-10:15am

Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce – 1414 N Ashland Ave

In attendance: Wayne Janik (Committee Chair), Mary Tamminga (Voting Member), Aby Fewel (Voting Member), Brett Keeshin (Voting Member), Steve Jensen (Voting Member)

Guests: Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate), Joshua Kaiser (Christy Webber), Erik Grossnickle (Bartlett), Kevin Sofen (Scoop the Poop, Resident), Ryan Mirkes (Rat BC Contractor)

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

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **5.04 (Bicycle Safety Programs)** to fund additional bike equipment (lights, leg bands, bells, etc.) and bike programming through 2026.

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

Monthly Check-Ins

1. Bartlett Tree Care Experts

- a. Committee discussed the vacant tree pits outside Barnes & Noble that are unable to grow due to electrical equipment stored underground. They explored paving over the pits or installing planters to cover the empty pits.

2. Christy Webber Landscaping

- a. AH discussed the new summer plantings recently installed

3. Cleanslate

- a. LK discussed the newly installed trash cans and cigarette bins to be installed soon. Generally, she also reported that graffiti appears to be going down in the neighborhood.

4. Scoop the Poop

- a. AH shared that Kevin Sofen has been working on an updated map of pop bag dispensers, which we will update on our website.

Updates

1. Division St. Fence Maintenance

- a. AH stated the difficulty in finding a vendor able to handle a project of this magnitude, and if the committee is unable to find an aluminum fence fabricator that can handle this project before the next June meeting, they will explore other fence and maintenance options.

2. Rat Birth Control Expansion

- a. RK discussed his work and rate of service within the current commercial rat birth control boundaries, and AH shared the new expanded boundaries that were recently approved by the Commission. New rat stations and care will begin as soon as materials are received from Senestech.

3. Mautene Court Plaza Renovation

- a. AH shared the feedback from a recent meeting with CDOT and 1st Ward Alderman, Daniel La Spata, specifically the requirements that SSA #33 will need to fulfill to provide an eligible design and CDOT's recommendations on the previously submitted design proposals.
- 4. Green Fest 2027**
- a. LS shared some information about the recent Eco Fest in Welles Park, hosted by the 47th Ward, and some of the adjustments SSA #33 can make for next year's Green Fest. These include wider reaching vendors and more access to recycling resources.
- 5. Polish Triangle Toilets**
- a. MT inquired about the current status of the toilets to be installed by the 1st Ward in Polish Triangle, developed by JCDeceaux.

Next Meeting – June 29th