Clean, Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, November 2 – 9:00am-10:30am
Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce – 1414 N Ashland Ave

In attendance: *Aby Fewel (Voting Member), Jason Jenkins (Voting Member), Brett Keershin (Voting Member)*

Guests: *Ron Holakovsky (Cleanslate), Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate), Joshua Kaiser (Christy Webber Landscapes), Erik Grossnickle (Bartlett Tree Experts)*

Staff: *Alice Howe (SSA #33 Program Director), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Manager), Lindsay Siebert (Outreach & Engagement)*

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **$58,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Christy Webber Landscapes to provide general landscaping services for all of SSA #33 in 2027. (26-1101-M)

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

Motion 2: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **$67,000** from line item 2.02 **(Landscaping)** for Christy Webber Landscapes to provide landscaping services for the Milwaukee and Damen Ave planters for SSA #33 in 2027. (26-1102-M)

SJ recommends, JH seconds. All in favor. ***Recommendation passes.***

Motion 3: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **$93,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Bartlett Tree Experts to perform annual pruning, maintenance, and inventory for all of SSA #33 in 2027. (26-1103-M)

Discussion: EG presented a proposal, mapping out the annual workload required to stay consistent in tree care services and pruning for the most vulnerable trees in the neighborhood, which would require more labor and funding than previous year's motions. The Committee decided to increase 2027 funding compared to previous years, as well as request an end-of-year increase in service quote from EG for 2026.

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

Motion 4: Motion 4: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **$436,000** from line item **2.08 (Sidewalk Maintenance & Litter Abatement)** for Cleanslate to provide sidewalk maintenance, litter abatement services, and light snow removal services 7 days a week and After Dark services 3 days a week for all of SSA #33 in 2027. (26-1104-M)

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

Motion 5: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **$60,000** from line item **2.12 (Graffiti Abatement)** for Cleanslate to provide graffiti removal services 2 days per week for all of SSA #33 from March-November in 2027. (26-1105-M)

Discussion: The Committee requested that AH receive a quote from Cleanslate to see what a 12-month graffiti abatement contract would cost.

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

Monthly Check-Ins

1. **Cleanslate**
    - **a.** LK and RH shared updates on service, including litter abatement in the wake of MMOM, leaf removal, emptying cigarette containers, and the end of the graffiti abatement contract coming up on Nov. 30. RH restated service data from the past year, including over 12,750 hours of Cleanslate labor invested in SSA #33, and the Committee requested moving After Dark days from Thurs, Fri, and Sat to Fri, Sat, and Sun during future weekends that Fests or MMOM will be active in WPB
2. **Bartlett Tree Experts**
    - **a.** EG shared current pruning rates and his full proposal, including tree mapping, that stated the need for increased tree servicing in 2027, recommending at least 75 comprehensive tree prunings per year to maintain urban canopy health, stating that there are currently 130 trees in priority 1 status (dire need).
3. **Christy Webber Landscapes**
    - a. JK updated the committee with 26 recent tree removals, holiday planter decorations to be installed No. 12th, and their efforts to include more planter trailing to discourage graffiti. JK also recommended getting a large tree topper for the recently planted holiday tree.

Updates

1. **CITIBIN Decal RFP**
    - a. LS updated the committee with the currently live RFP for artists and graphic designers to submit artwork and wayfinding designs for the 4 CITIBIN trash cans to be installed. AH requested that Committee members share the RFP with any relevant contacts.
2. **Bike Pump Installations & Bike Rack Updates**
    - a. AH shared that the new bike pump will be installed near the Division/Leavitt intersection, and that staff has begun planning 2027 bike activation events. Additionally, the committee discussed new bike rack designs that better incorporate the classic downtown rack design. JJ informed the committee that Dero expects to see a price increase in 2027 and recommended sending in an updated design allocation sooner rather than later.
3. **Bucktown Community Organization Collaboration**
    - a. AH shared details from a recent meeting with the BCO, where they discussed including a stretch of Cortland St. in the 2028 Reconstitution, which would give the SSA Commission access to a parkway located near the intersection of Cortland/Ashland to beautify or activate the space.
4. **Trash Can Redistribution**
    - a. Once the CITIBIN cans are installed, the removed trash cans will be placed in areas of need, particularly near east Division St.

Next Meeting – 2027