

Clean, Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, October 5 – 9:00am-10:30am

Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce – 1414 N Ashland Ave

In attendance: Wayne Janik (Committee Chair), Aby Fewel (Voting Member), Jason Jenkins (Voting Member), Brett Keershin (Voting Member), Steve Jensen (Voting Member), Joe Hall (Voting Member)

Guests: Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate), Ryan Mirkes (RBCDC)

Staff: Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Manager), Pamela Maass (WPBCC President & CEO)

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$41,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to hire Ryan Mirkes as a Rat Birth Control Distribution contractor, servicing the alleyways and landscaping included within the 2027 Rat Birth Control Program Boundaries of WPB SSA #33 (26-1004)

Discussion: RM presented on his previous experience in this role, specifying the 300 rat bait boxes he services on a weekly basis and the drop in rat foot traffic since the beginning of the program. Committee requested getting evidence from WPAC of depleted rat sightings.

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

Motion 2: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$100,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to fund the purchase of Senestech Evolve Rat Birth Control product to service the 2027 Rat Birth Control Program boundaries of WPB SSA #33 in 2027 (26-1005)

Discussion: WJ requested to raise the contract from \$80,000 to \$100,000 to account for potentially expanding the program in 2027. Committee requested that AH provide the exact statistics collected by Senestech to the Commission.

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

Motion 3: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$4,000** from line item **3.04 (Bicycle Transit Enhancements)** to hire Joe Hall as the 2027 Bike Equipment Mechanic Contractor, servicing the bike pumps and fix-it stations installed by WPB SSA #33 within the service area boundaries (26-1006)

Discussion: JH presented on his experience in the role, and his regular maintenance of the existing bike pumps and fix-it stations. The Committee reviewed the proposal from Curbside Bicycles, and deduced that the contract would not require such intensive hours to properly maintain the bike pump facilities.

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

Motion 4: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$2,000** from line item **3.04 (Bicycle Transit Enhancements)** to purchase and install a Dero Bicycle Air Pump near the St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital (2233 W Division St.). (26-1007)

Discussion: WJ proposed another bike pump be installed by the St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital to better serve the hospital visitors and students at Roberto Clemente Academy. Committee also recommended making stickers to illustrate how to place your bike on the fix-it stations and a QR code to connect to a map of public bike pumps and fix-it stations.

*AF recommends, BK seconds. WJ, AF, BK, SJ in favor. JJ abstains. **Recommendation passes.***

Monthly Check-Ins

1. Cleanslate

- a. LK shared that powerwashing had taken place at the primary intersection and in the alleyway near Stan's Donuts. The team is spray painting over graffiti and specifically catering to poles. LS specifically requested closer attention to be paid to Metzger Court and its two trash cans

2. Christy Webber Landscaping

- a. WJ stated that he saw CW trucks replacing trees on Division St, near Damen.

Updates

1. Bike Activations

- a. LS shared that the last activation would take place at Meet Me on Milwaukee on October 25th from 10 AM - 1 PM, and that staff is stocked with lights, leg bands, and other free giveaways. WJ requested motioning more money for bike activations in 2027 in the next year.

2. Bollard Safety Rebate

- a. LS shared the Bollard Rebate draft with the committee, confirming that the Grants & Rebates committee will handle future conversations of the rebate. SJ requested including more specifications on bollard exact size, materials, and design.

3. CitiBins Installation

- a. The Committee decided to repurpose the trash cans that will be replaced by the Citibins installation to the Northeastern end of Division St, near the Kennedy Expressway.

Next Meeting – November 2nd