

Clean, Green & Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, September 14 – 9:00am-10:30am

Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce – 1414 N Ashland Ave

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

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

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Director), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Manager), Lindsay Siebert (Outreach & Engagement), Pamela Maass (WPBCC President & CEO)

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$77,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to fund the removal of 25 dead trees and their replacement within the WPB SSA #33 boundaries (26-0915).

Discussion: AH shared efforts to work with the 1st Ward to waive permit fees, which would reduce the total cost of the replacements by approximately \$27,000, and will update Committee on those efforts should they proceed. JK emphasized the need to submit permits to Department of Forestry ASAP to get the process moving.

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

Monthly Check-Ins

1. Bartlett Tree Experts

- a. EG discussed the recent announcement that Wicker Park has received arboretum status, which allows Bartlett to gather comprehensive data about the health and progress of local trees. All pruning requests for the rest of the year should be submitted ASAP, and EG will be providing a report on current tree condition by the end of the year.

2. Christy Webber Landscaping

- a. JK provided updates concerning new tree plantings, specifically their efforts to diversify canopy size and color, to best match the new planting locations. Fall flowers will be planted in planters today and tomorrow, and CW has begun planning the Holiday Tree planting effort.

3. Cleanslate

- a. LK discussed extra weekend services in the wake of the Renegade Craft Fair, and that After Dark and graffiti abatement efforts are proceeding well.

Updates

1. Rat Birth Control Expansion and RFPs

- a. AH stated that the rat birth control expansion program has been moving along well, with rats regularly consuming the RBC product being placed in the new boxes of the expanded boundaries. LS confirmed that RFPs are out for the distribution contractor and product provider roles.

2. Bicycle Pump Station Maintenance

- a. The RFP for the bike pump mechanic role has been released to the public, and efforts to maintain the bike pumps and fix-it stations in the neighborhood remain consistent.

3. Bollards Safety Rebate

- a. AH discussed interest in including bollard installations as part of the Safety Rebate program, to discourage smash-and-grabs and allow the sidewalks to be more accessible by discouraging the use of planters or jersey walls. WJ recommended bringing this effort to the Grants & Rebates committee.

4. Mautene Court Proposals

- a. LS updated the Committee with CDOTs schedule of approving the current MWFP permit application submitted for the existing furniture installations in Mautene Court Plaza, and their timeline for considering and selecting an ideal proposal that best complies with their requirements for the space.

5. CitiBins Installation

- a. AH discussed a new initiative to install CitiBins at major intersections in the neighborhood, which provide covered, more aesthetically-pleasing trash receptacles for the community that could bear SSA branding, artwork, or QR codes connecting to our website. WJ recommended getting pricing from CitiBins to bring the proposal to the next Commission meeting.

Next Meeting – October 5th