

WPB (SSA #33) Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday January 18, 2012
Wicker Park Field House
1425 North Damen

In attendance:

David Ginople (DG), Chair
Laura Weathered (LW), Co-Chair
Wayne Janik (WJ), Secretary
Joe Hall (JH), Treasurer
Sam Marts (SM), Recording Secretary
Brent Norsman (BN)
John Paige (JP)

MINUTES

Mr. Ginople called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.;

Mr. Ginople requested that the Commission and staff introduce themselves for the audience. Chair

In attendance: Ronda Locke (1st Ward/Alderman Moreno's Office), Ken Lubinski Sr and Jr, Teddy Varndell, Josh Chicoine, Charlie Rees (Flat Iron) and Elaine Coorens

There was a review of December 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the *minutes made by WJ, Seconded by JH* There was a brief discussion that the word "template" should be removed. *Voting In favor: WJ, JH, SM, BN, LW, JP. Motion carried. No oppose, no abstentions.*

There was an Aldermanic Report by Ronda Locke, representative of Alderman Moreno, 1st Ward Ms. Locke spoke about the Ward remapping, it will keep Milwaukee Ave in 1st ward, there was discussion about how can CG&S work out duplications in services, the dead line for Property Tax appeals is (Jan 20), there has been much debate about whether Green Fest will stay in current location for 2 years more, Ms. Locke confirmed that Alderman Moreno never said that it would be there only for one year (2011), he stated it would be there for 2-3 yrs. (Elaine Coorens noted that not everyone is happy about the Green Fest Location)

There was an Open Streets Presentation by Julia Kim, Active Transportation Alliance

Ms. Kim showed a video that explained the concept of Open Streets. It is an international movement that has gained popularity in the States, the video shows NYC.

ATA also organized "Bike the Drive" and the "Open Streets on State Street" last year, Ms. Kim explained also explained some of the details about the planning, budgeting

The Financial Reports (as of 12/31/11) were presented by JH

There was not a lot of time to discuss the financial reports, but Mr. Hall wanted to stress that although the carry-over number looks bad, there are many reasons to explain it so it is not as bad as it looks.

Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the reports and was seconded by Mr. Janik.

All voted in favor, motion carried, no opposed, no abstentions

Chamber of Commerce Report

In interest of time, there was no presentation

See Notes

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Program Manager Report

In interest of time, there was no presentation

Reports of Committees

Mr. Ginople passed the chair to Ms. Weathered

a. Executive

Report is contained in the packet

Motion: To approve funding from Line 11.10 in the amount of \$1650 for the cost of reserving the room at the Wicker Park Field House for Commission Meetings.

Motion made by Mr. Ginople, seconded by Mr. Janik

There was some discussion about the reason for this cost: This cost will be for the 11 meetings in coming year, that will be held at the Wicker Park Field House

The motion passed unanimously, there were no opposed, no abstentions

Ms. Weathered remains chair as Mr. Ginople delivers Promote WPB report which is contained in the packet

b. Promote: WPB

Motion 1: to approve the funding of \$5,000 from Line 1.06 for the First Fridays event at the Flat Iron Building with the request that the Flat Iron Artist's Association more of an effort at PR and perform more local outreach. [if granted this will be awarded \$1,250 from 1Q, 2Q, 3Q, 4Q in Arts]

Motion made by Mr. Ginople, seconded by seconded by Mr. Janik
All in favor, motion carries, No oppose, no abstentions

Motion 2: to approve the funding of \$5000 from Line 1.06 for CIMM Fest. [if granted this will be Arts, 2Q]

Motion made by Mr. Ginople, seconded by Mr. Janik

There was some concern expressed that a portion of these events take place outside of the neighborhood and therefore outside of the SSA. But approximately 80% of events will be in WPB

All in favor, no oppose, no abstentions, motion carries.

Continue chair to LW

c. Promote: The Arts

Motion: To approve Josh Chicoine as a voting member of the Arts Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Ginople, seconded by Mr. Janik
All in favor, no oppose, no abstentions, motion carries

Chair returns to DG

d. Transportation: Pedestrians, Passengers & Bikes

Motion 1: to approve funding from Line 1.03 not to exceed \$50,000 for Open Streets, 2012

Motion made by Mr. Norsman, seconded by Mr. Hall

Discussion- JH asked what are other levels of funding? Who finds other sponsors, we should have contracts

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This event will take place on a Sunday in WPB, there was concern expressed that this will not in fact increase business as Ms. Kim has suggested. Does she have proof that this increased businesses for State St?

Could be "Project of the year" and involve all committees, there is money available because the Milwaukee /Wood project will cost much less.

In favor: ,JH, SM, BN,JP

Oppose: WJ, LW,

No Abstentions:

Motion Carries

Motion 2: To approve Steven Vance as a voting member of the Transportation Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Norsman, seconded by Mr. Janik?

All in favor, no oppose, no abstentions, motion carries.

e. Guide Development

see report – no presentation, no motions

f. Clean, Green & Safe

Motion 1: to approve and not to exceed \$60,000 from Line Item 3.05, for tree care within SSA#33 for one year. This will include 25 days of pruning, fertilization and integrated pest management.

Motion made by Mr. Janik, seconded by Mr. Hall

Discussion: This is the same budget as last year with the addition of more pruning days for a total of 25 days of pruning.

There is discussion about the vendor, they have been doing a very good job, the trees look good, the pruning was done very well.

All in favor, no oppose, no abstentions, motion carries.

Motion 2: to approve and not to exceed \$8,000 from Line Item 3.03 (2011 Budget), for final 15% payment of 2011 contract Bartlett Tree.

Motion made by Mr. Janik, seconded by Mr. Hall

Discussion: There is not much to discuss- the Committee is satisfied with Bartlett's work and will be hiring them for the next year.

All in favor, no oppose, no abstentions, motion carries

Motion 3: to approve and not to exceed \$9,000 from Line Item 3.03 (2011 Budget), for final 15% payment of 2011 contract to Christy Weber Landscaping.

Motion made by Mr. Janik, econded by Mr. Norsman

Discussion: The Committee is satisfied with CWL's work

All in favor, no oppose, no abstentions, motion carries

Motion 4: to remove the existing SSA#33 recycling cans. The cans will be stored at the Chamber office until they are repurposed as regular trash cans.

Motion made by Mr. Janik, seconded by Mr. Norsman

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Discussion: There are currently 11 recycling cans that the SSA purchased, placed in WPB and is servicing by Cleanslate. These cans look dirty and disgusting, in addition, they are now being duplicated by the Free Green Cans that are being placed throughout the 1st Ward. FGC's cans are very well kept, look much better than WPB's and make ours look even worse. There is discussion about whether we can fit these cans in the basement, they should be able to fit.

All in favor, no oppose, no abstentions, motion carries.

Motion 5: to approve Ken Lubinski as a voting member of the Clean, Green and Safe committee.

Motion made by Mr. Janik, Seconded by Mr. Paige

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Questions & Announcements (5 minutes)

At the next Commission meeting, we hope to have a slide show presentation (from existing slides) of the first 5 years of the SSA programs. This will be in anticipation of an annual report.

Mr. Varndell stated that last time he asked for a PIN list, he was told that it was being updated, and asked if an updated list of SSA PIN numbers is available yet. Mr. Burck informed him that it can be requested from the city as a FOIA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm, motion made by Mr. Marts, seconded by Mr. Janik, passed unanimously.

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