

Clean, Green & Safe
Agenda April 2011 meetings

Attendees: David Ginople - Commissioner WPB/Co-Chair Wayne Janik - Commissioner WPB/Co-Chair
Marjorie Isaacson - Committee Member Brian – Lime Energy
Eleanor Mayer – WPB Program Manager

Guest: Eric Grossnickle – Arborist Rep., Bartlett Trees Stephanie Katsaros – The Bright Beat
Christy Weber – Christy Weber Landscaping

Meeting Date: April 5, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00a.m.

Location: Christy Weber Headquarters, Rancho Verde Headquarters, 2900 West Ferdinand Street, Chicago, IL. 60612

• **Landscaping / Tree Care RFP's**

- Contracts have been signed with Christy Weber and Bartlett tree and work has started as of April 1, 2011.
- Update on Biochar research project from Eric. Attach is a Fact Sheet on the research project that Bartlett Trees will be performing on Milwaukee Ave. Also for more information on Biochar you can visit International Biochar Organization (<http://www.biochar-international.org/biochar>).
- **Motion 1**
- The Clean, Green, and safe committee is recommending the following:
- Original motion by Mr. Ginople was Motion 2 for the July 7, 2009 general commission meeting and was approved for funding. The following is from the minutes of that meeting:
 - **Motion 2**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe Committee request funding to purchase credit card size logo tags to be placed on all gator bags to identify to the public that SSA 33 is providing this service at a cost of \$1,500 from Line item number 3.03. Christy Weber will install the logo tags on all gator bags and will store tags with gator bags for use in the following years.
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee would like to delete the 2009 Gator bag logos motion that was approved for \$1,500 from Line Item 3.03. The committee will revisit this project in 2011.

• **Painting Division Fences**

- The Clean, Green and Safe committee is writing a new RFP for painting the fence on Division St. The selected 2010 vendor is not longer in business. We will negate our old approved motion and once we have a new RFP and selected vendor we will then request funding for the painting of the Division street fences.
- **Motion 2**
- The Clean, Green, and safe committee is recommending the following:
- Original motion by Mr. Ginople was Motion 6 for the July 7, 2009 general commission meeting and was approved for funding. The following is from the minutes of that meeting:
 - The vendor we have selected is Shorty's L.L.C.
 - **Motion 6**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe Committee request funding for the painting of tree pit fences on Division Street at total cost of \$10,000 from Line item 2.02.
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee would like to delete the 2009 Fence Painting motion that was approved for \$10,000 from Line Item 2.02. The committee has rewritten the RFP and will post the RFP in March.

• **Mautene Court Update**

- **Motion 3**
- The Clean, Green, and safe committee is recommending the following:
- Original motion by Mr. Ginople was Motion 3 for the May 4, 2010 general commission meeting and was approved for funding. The following is from the minutes of that meeting:
 - The sign that the SSA placed in Mautene Court has been graffiti. When the City cleaned the sign, the graffiti was removed but also the wording. The current sign is made of plastic and the Clean, Green and Safe committee would like to replace the sign with a metal engrave sign which would be easy to clean and not damage the message on the sign.
 - **Motion 3**
 - Motion to approve and not to exceed \$500 for Line Item 3.03, replace the current damage sign in Mautene Court with a more robust sign.
 - The Clean, Green and Safe Committee is requesting an increase of funding from \$500 to not to exceed \$1000 to cover the cost of replacing the sign in Mautene Court.

- **CleanSlate Update**
 - Clean Slate continues to swipe sidewalks and empty garbage cans.
 - **Graffiti Removal**
 - Clean Slate has started to removal graffiti from non porous surfaces.
 - The same cleaning solutions will be available at the Chambers office for pickup and use on your property within the SSA.
 - City of Chicago request to monitor Clean Slates performance
 - The City of Chicago has requested SSA#33 to create a survey on the effectiveness and impact Clean Slate has had on the district.
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee will take the next 3 months to create the survey and research the best way to execute the survey. The survey will be done in the month of September and final results will be completed by the October meeting.

- **Monitoring Vendors**
 - Block captains. Full time employee that would spend 50% in field (visiting stores and check state) and 50% in house.

- **Recycling**
 - **Commercial Recycling Pilot Program.**
 - Still looking for a 1st ward site. Looking on Milwaukee and Division.
 - Continue to monitor existing site and compiling a complete report.
 - **2011 Bi Monthly Community Recycling**
 - The second community recycling will be on May 14 at 10 a.m. to Noon, sponsored by Ann Nolan State Farm.

- **Snow Removal**
 - There has been no snow. CleanSlate has offered to extend their cap for the 2012 season to 56” as a result.

- **Holiday decorations**
 - The 2010 holiday decorations contract has been completed. All lights and decorations have been removed and placed into storage by HAP Industry.

- **Solar/Wind powered lights in Mautene Court**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee is currently gathering information on different types of lights and cost.
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee needs to meet with Alderman Moreno and consult with the transportation committee to work out the details to place lights in Mautene Court.

- **Implementation Matrix and Budget (LTP)**
 - Completed.

- **2011/2012 RFP’s review and updates**
 - Fence painting – review April 2011 – to be approved at the May commission meeting.
 - RFQ for solar powered lights in Mautene Court – review May 2011 – to be approved at June commission meeting.
 - Snow Removal 2011/2012 – review May 2011 – to be approved at the June commission meeting.
 - Bi Monthly Community Recycling 2012 – review Dec 2011 – to be approved at the January 2012 commission meeting.
 - Tree care – review Jan 2012 - to be approved at the March commission meeting.
 - Landscape – review Jan 2012 – to be approved at the March commission meeting. This would be extending Christy Weber’s contract.
 - Graffiti removal – review January 2012

- **2012 Projects**
 - **TBD**

- **Next meeting**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe and Wicker Pack Bucktown Chambers Green Committee meet together on the first Tuesday of every month at Janik’s Café, 2011 W. Division St. The first hour of the meeting is the Clean, Green and Safe committee forwarded by the Wicker Pack Bucktown Chambers Green Committee.
 - Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at Janik’s Café
 - Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. at Janik’s Café
 - Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. at Janik’s Café
 - Tuesday, August 3, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at Christy Weber Headquarter



BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS

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Ancient Amazonia Meets Chicago Street Trees

Researchers to see if biochar, a charcoal first used centuries ago, can help the urban forest. Might also help reduce climate change.

- What:** Application of [biochar](#), a type of charcoal first produced and used in the Amazon basin centuries ago to make agricultural land more fertile, to the soil of Chicago street trees. The first time it is being studied in urban soils for the potential benefit of trees, though there has been extensive research worldwide into its benefits for agriculture
- Why:** The average lifespan of a street tree is seven years, considerably less than a tree growing in its natural conditions. Street trees growing in soil pits surrounded by pavement suffer from limited root space, soil compaction, limited water and drainage, poor soil structure and nutrients, and pavement de-icing salts.
- If biochar were to improve the growing conditions of urban trees, enabling them to live longer, its use could save municipalities and property owners in tree-replacement costs and help preserve valuable urban tree canopy.
- Where:** About 60 trees on Milwaukee Ave, between Western and Damen, in Chicago's Wicker Park/Bucktown community
- When:** Tuesday, April 12, 9 am – 3 pm. Following applications on Milwaukee Ave., the researchers will also apply biochar in test locations at The Morton Arboretum. Those are currently scheduled for April 13-14.
- Who:** [Bartlett Tree Experts](#) and [The Morton Arboretum](#), with assistance from the Chicago Dept. of Environment, the [Wicker Park & Bucktown Chamber of Commerce](#), the [Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service Area](#), and funding support from The TREE Fund.
- Visuals:** Researchers drilling roughly 15-25 holes into the soil of each study tree and using funnels to backfill them with biochar, fertilizer or a biochar/fertilizer combination.
- Background:** Biochar, a waste product from the heating of plant waste, has been used for centuries throughout the world to restore infertile soils. It also has tremendous potential for urban tree care. Urban soils often lack carbon, available nutrients and important microorganisms. Biochar is rich in carbon, which when added to the soil can increase the number of microorganisms (it's been referred to as a coral reef for soil), increase nutrients and rebuild soil structure. Biochar may also help address urgent environmental issues, such as climate change, water pollution, food insecurity and soil degradation. It puts carbon back into the earth, puts it to positive use in the soil and increases the amount of time it stays in the soil, rather than allowing the carbon to be released into the atmosphere. Research suggests it is an ideal candidate for reducing climate change by indefinitely storing carbon and carbon dioxide.
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