

WPB (SSA #33) Commission Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
St. Mary's Hospital, Conference Room CD
1127 N. Oakley
DRAFT Minutes

Present: Commissioners 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); WPB Program Manager Jamie Simone (JS); WPB Program Associate Eleanor Mayer (EM), Chamber Exec Director Adam Burck (AB); approximately three audience members including Brian Wendel - visitor.

DG called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval and of Review of February 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes made by: WJ Seconded by: JH. Amendments? None.
Motion Carries.

Chamber of Commerce report by Adam Burck.

AB reports on Chamber activities. Attached report dated 3-8-2011. The chamber wants to monitor vendors better, including field visits and utilizing block captain volunteers. The Chamber is putting together a new website the RFQ went out at the end of February. The Chamber has not yet received the 2011 contract for the city grant. The Chamber is doing a member survey and hopes to have 50 responses. The networking events are scheduled through 2011, and the date for Wicker Park Fest 2011 is confirmed July 23/24. The Chamber has produced a free community guide, copies are available in the office.

No Aldermanic Reports

Gomez (Chamber Board President) and David Ginople met with the Alderman in the First Ward in this past month.

Financial Report report by Mr. Hall.

JH reports on the WPB Financials. A motion to accept the reports is made by WJ. Seconded by JP. Errors form Feb report resolved - no Audit as of yet - "carry over" predicted to be slightly more than last year. Timing of reports issue resolved. Accepting current report will include February reports as well. All in favor of accepting financial report for the past two months. Motion Carries.

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Program Manager & Staff report by Ms. Simone and Ms. Mayer.

Office is "Mapping" members to act as eyes and ears for contract monitoring. The staff is working on 2012 budget. The 6 month Long Term Planning (LTP) committee reports due! (2 days after next meeting would be good timing). The honorary naming of Mautene court – will be May 21. Eleanor is representing the WPB SSA at a managers meeting "seminar" on April 20. Will work to have graffiti removal chemicals and supplies at the office for members or purchase. Bike to work week event will be at the Polish Triangle on Wednesday June 15. Jamie will be at National APA meeting in Boston Representing SSA on panel (JP will also be present). IDA tour of Wicker Park Bucktown will be on April 5 in WPB, Jamie is leading it. Time Out release party for neighborhood guide will be April 13, from 6-8pm TBD location. Larry no longer commissioner -sold condo in WPB. Now need 4 new commissioners.

Reports of the Committees

DG yields the Chair to LW.

Executive Committee report by Mr. Ginople.

DG of the executive committee made the following motion:

Motion: fund provide funding for street festivals in the amount of \$30,000 by moving the following dollar amounts to line item 1.08: Street Festivals (\$30,000 TOTAL)

\$2,500 from 1.02 Holiday/Seasonal Promotions (from \$10,000 to \$7,500)

\$2,500 from 1.03 Print Materials (from \$10,000 to \$7,500)

\$5,000 from 2.16 Other: Pedestrian/Bike Upgrade @ M/W/W (from \$80,000 to \$75,000)

\$2,500 from 3.08 Other: Public Arts & Murals (from \$80,000 to \$77,500)

\$10,000 from 4.07 Other: Directory Development (from \$20,000 to \$10,000)

\$2,500 from 4.08 Other: Zoning (from \$5,000 to \$2,500)

\$2,500 from 6.10 Public Transit Enhancements (from \$25,000 to \$22,500)

\$2,500 from 8.01 SSA Work Plans, Visioning, etc (from \$5,000 to \$2,500)

Motion made by: WJ, Seconded by: JP

Discussion? This is an "expansion" of funding with the addition of a new category In general "street festival" is event that involves "closing a street" At this time the "green festival" has not made any requests.

In favor: WJ, JH, SM, BN, LW, JP

Oppose: None

Abstentions: BN

LW returns chair to DG

Clean Green and Safe Committee report by Mr. Janik.

WJ made the following motions:

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Motion: To approve an amount not to exceed \$60,000 from Line Item 3.03: Landscaping, for 1 year contract for landscaping contract to be awarded to Christy Webber Landscapes which will start on April 15, 2011. This will be a 2 year contract and we will request additional funding later in 2011, for the second half (2012 portion) of the contract.

Motion made by: JP Seconded by: JH

Discussion? 4 GROUPS RESPONDED TO RFP, ACCEPTED MID RANGE CONTRACT - NOT TOO SMALL AND NOT VERY LARGE, SECOND YEAR IS HELD OUT AS INCENTIVE TO DO WELL FIRST YEAR.

In favor: WJ, JH, SM, BN, LW, JP

None oppose, none abstain.

Motion: To approve an amount not to exceed \$60,000 from Line Item 3.03: Landscaping, for 1 year contract for the Urban Forest (Tree) contract to be awarded to Bartlett Tree Experts which will start on April 15, 2011. This is a one year contract.

Motion made by: SM, Seconded by: JH

Discussion? 5 RESPONDED TO rfp WILL DEVELOP a multi-year MAINTENANCE PLAN

In Favor: WJ, JH, SM, BN, LW, JP

None oppose, none abstain.

Motion: 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.

Motion TABLED, so this motion and others can be resolved with the MOTION LOG CLEAN UP next month.

DG yields the Chair to LW.

Arts Committee report by Mr. Ginople

DG made the following motions:

Motion: Change the name of the "Promote the Arts Committee" to "The Arts Committee." Motion made by: DG, Seconded by: LW.

No Discussion.

In favor: , WJ, JH, SM, BN, LW, JP

None oppose, none abstain.

Motion: Please accept the application of Whitney Tassie AND CHARLIE REES AND ANNETTE SOLLARAZ a voting committee members.

Motion made by: DG Seconded by: WJ,

No Discussion.

In favor: , WJ, JH, SM, BN, LW, JP

None oppose, none abstain.

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LW returns chair to DG.

Promote WPB Committee report by Ms. Weathered.

LW made the following motions:

Motion: To approve the funding of \$5,000 from line item 1.08 to be used for marketing the Do Division Street Festival.

Motion made by: LW, Seconded by: SM, In favor: JH, SM, BN, LW, JP
Oppose: None. Abstentions: WJ. Motion carries.

Motion: To approve the funding of \$1,200 from line item 1.09 to be used to market the Sound of Silent Film Festival. [If granted, the funds will be allocated toward the Arts in the 2nd quarter of 2011.]

Motion made by: LW Seconded by: WJ,
Discussion? This event will happen at Chopin Theater
In favor: WJ, JH, SM, BN, LW, JP. Motion Carries.

Motion: To approve the funding of \$2,500 from line item 1.09 for Earth Month 2011. [If granted, the funds will be allocated toward commercial/business events in the 2nd quarter of 2011.]

Motion made by: LW, Seconded by: WJ,
Discussion? Center of neighborhood technology is sponsor of the event. Not for profit neighborhood group. The Earth Month Event is free to public
In favor: WJ, JH, SM, BN, LW, JP. Motion Carries.

Transportation: Bikes, Pedestrians & Passengers Committee report by Mr. Norsman.

BN made the following motions:

Motion: to approve WPB finding of Chicago's first on street parking installing in the amount of \$4000 at Milwaukee and North.

Motion by BN, Second WJ

Discussion for on-street bike parking is to be just in front of Bank of America on Milwaukee Ave, 12 bikes in the area of approximate area of a parallel parking place. This is NOT currently a parking place now hoping this will become a city prototype.
In favor: ALL. Motion Carries.

Guide Development report by Mr. Paige and Ms Weathered.

LW reports on the activities of the Guide Development committee and suggests commissioners read the guide development committee report incorporated in the agenda and meeting packets.

General questions and discussions from audience members was had.

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The Promote WPB committee needs members and it would be great to have someone with marketing background, perhaps the Time Out party on 4/13 will be a good time to recruit participation and potential commissioners.

Motion to adjourn made by: DG, seconded by: WJ. Passes unanimously Y

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

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