

Clean, Green & Safe
Minutes from September 6, 2011 meeting

Attendees: David Ginople - Commissioner WPB/Co-Chair Wayne Janik - Commissioner WPB/Co-Chair
Marjorie Isaacson - Committee Member Judy Byin - Committee Member
Jessica Wobbekind – WPB Interim Program Manager

Guest: Eric Grossnickle – Arborist Rep., Bartlett Tree

Meeting Date: September 6, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00a.m.
Location: Janik's Cafe, 2011 W. Division St. Chicago, IL. 60622

- **Sidewalk Cleaning Contract 2012/2013**
 - Motion was approved by the full commission at the July Commission meeting not to exceed \$195,000 from Line Item 2.05 (Sidewalk Cleaning), for a 2 year contract for Sidewalk Cleaning to be awarded to Cleanslate which will start on January 1, 2012 and end December 31, 2013. The cost for 2012 will be \$145,000 and the cost will increase to \$150,000 in 2013. The current budget for 2011 is \$145,000.
 - Contract is in review and will be presented to the Clean, Green and Safe committee at the October meeting for approval.

- **Wicker Park Garden Security**
 - Motion was approved by the full commission at the July Commission meeting not to exceed \$500 from Line Item 1.09 (Other – Grants), the funds will be used to provide security and fencing around the Wicker Park garden during the Wicker Park Fest. This will help protect the public garden along the Damen Ave fence from damage. The total security budget for security around the Wicker Park Garden is \$900.
 - The Wicker Park Garden group used the money to increase security in Wicker Park during the Wicker Park Fest on the weekend of July 23rd and 24th.
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee recommends that funding for Wicker Park security be considered during the Green Fest and Wicker Park Fest.

- **Power Washing of Polish Triangle Update**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee will be researching cost and effectiveness of a pigeon deterrent system in 2012 to help reduce the pigeon population around the Polish Triangle.
 - Need to work with Alderman and Police commanders to start educate/enforcing current do not feeding the pigeons law.

- **Painting Division Street Fences Update**
 - Painting of Division Street fences is complete and the merchants and residents on Division appreciate the effort.

- **Bartlett Tree Update**
 - Wicker Park/Bucktown urban forest Management Plan
 - A comprehensive Management Plan that catalogs the health the 1580 trees, with 55 different species and a value of \$2.2 million in the Wicker Park/Bucktown urban forest is completed. The Management Plan is a living document that will be used as a guide and recommendation for maintaining, and improving the health of the Wicker Park/Bucktown urban forest.
 - The Clean, Green and Safe has recommended that Bartlett Tree and the SSA#33 co-produce a press release on the completions of the Wicker Park/Bucktown urban forest Management Plan.
 - A copy of the Wicker Park/Bucktown urban forest Management Plan is available for review at the chamber offices and will be posted to the SSA#33 web site by the end of September.
 - Update on Biochar research project from Eric. Biochar test trees are being monitored and data collected. For more information on Biochar you can visit International Biochar Organization (<http://www.biochar-international.org/biochar>).

- **Christy Weber Update**
 - Installation of gator bags on all trees that are 4 inches or less in diameter was completed early July.
 - Monitoring and filling of gator bags
 - General maintenance and care for tree pits and flower beds.

- **Cleanslate Update**
 - Continues to monitor and empty the 33 offending trash cans.
 - Continues to sweep our sidewalks.

- **Snow Removal**
 - Snow Removal 2011/2012 Contracts – RFP has been written and approved by the Clean, Green and Safe committee members. The RFP will be posted by Friday, September 09, 2011 with a return date of September 28th for all proposals. The Clean, Green and Safe committee will review the RFP's at their October committee meeting and requesting funding at the October commission meeting.

- **Holiday decorations**
 - Jessica to verify that November 15 will be the installation date of the snowflakes. Also will check on the progress of fixing the damaged snowflakes.
 - The committee has requested that the new White and Silver colored snowflakes to be placed on the same street.

- **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.
 - Creating a presentation and recommendations for the Alderman Moreno and Alderman Waguespack in progress.
 - **2011 Bi Monthly Community Recycling**
 - The fourth community recycling will be on September 10th at 10 a.m. to Noon, currently not sponsored.
 - The fifth community recycling will be on November 12th at 10 a.m. to Noon, currently not sponsored.

- **Green Music Festival**
 - The Clean, Green and safe committee recommends working with the Green Music Feast committee to continue improving the green and environmentally friendly efforts of the event.

- **Monitoring Vendors**
 - A separate meeting will be schedule in October to review and outline procedures.

- **2011/2012 RFP's review and updates**
 - Snow Removal 2011/2012 – review September 2011 – to be approved at the October 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- to be approved at the March commission meeting.
 - Division St Fence Maintenance – review January 2012- to be approved at the March commission meeting.
 - Green Music Festival - review June 2012
 - Sidewalk cleaning 2012 /2013 – Review current progress and contract renewal in September 2012.

- **2012 Projects**
 - RFQ for power washing of all sidewalks.
 - RFQ for Pigeon deterrent in the Polish Triangle.
 - RFQ for solar powered lights in Mautene Court – more research will be needed for this project.

- **Next meeting**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe and Wicker Park Bucktown Chambers Green Committee meet together on the first Tuesday of every month at Janik's Café, 2011 W. Division St.
 - Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. at Janik's Café
 - Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. at Janik's Café
 - Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. at Janik's Café