

Clean, Green & Safe
Minutes from October 5, 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 Program Manager

Guest: Eric Grossnickle – Arborist Rep., Bartlett Tree

Meeting Date: October 5, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00a.m.
Location: Janik's Cafe, 2011 W. Division St. Chicago, IL. 60622

- **Monitoring Vendors / Update Futurity Database / Update Polish Triangle (A)**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee has created a subcommittee to address this topic. They will meet on Tuesday, October 25 at Janik's Café at 9:05am.

- **From Adam**
 - The following were reviewed in the Clean, Green and Safe committee
 - See attached Workshop (B)
 - ComEd Small Business Energy Savings program (C)
 - Led Exit Signs (D)

- **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.
 - For Jessica to check is Cleanslate does power washing.

- **Painting Division Street Fences Update**
 - Jessica to check with Cleanslate on touch up painting of the fences in the Spring and Fall and as needed.

- **Bartlett Tree Update**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe Committee with Bartlett Tree have created a draft press release on the completions of the Wicker Park/Bucktown urban forest Management Plan.
 - All pest management is done for the season.
 - Bartlett Tree is working with CDOT on the procedures for removing and replacement of dead trees and empty tree pits.
 - 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**
 - Removal of gator bags to start in October.
 - 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.
 - Will be changing to winter schedule in October

- **Snow Removal**
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee has review the Snow Removal RFPs from, Olson, Beverly Snow and Ice, Tovar, TSI, Cleanslate and Christy Webber Landscapes.
 - Motion 1
 - Motion to approve and not to exceed \$120,000 from Line Item 2.07 for a 1 year contract for Snow Removal during the 2011/2012 snow season. Contracts to be awarded to Christy Weber Landscaping, Cleanslate and Olsen, Inc. Olsen will remove snow in Area C. Christy Weber Landscaping will remove snow in Area A and Cleanslate will remove snow in Area B.
 - Eric from Bartlett has recommended following to protect the trees:
 - Pile snow against trees to help keep salt away from the roots and tree pits. This will also help protect the trees from the salt that the City plows use.
 - Use environmentally friendly salt if possible.

- **Holiday decorations**
 - HAP industry will start the installation of the holiday decorations on November 15.

- **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 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 Pack Bucktown Chambers Green Committee meet together on the first Tuesday of every month at Janik's Café, 2011 W. Division St.
 - 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

Attachments:

A) Polish Triangle

Kevin,

Thank you for your response. Our working group met last night and came up with the following list of short term projects we would like to give further consideration:

1. Weekly cleaning - Two local schools, Holy Trinity High School and Near North Montessori, would like to supplement the SSA#33's twice-weekly cleaning with an additional visit at least once a week to sweep and pick up trash.
2. Plantings - Near North Montessori students would like to plant and maintain the tree pits and the bed around the fountain. Students pass through the Polish Triangle on a daily basis on their way to the urban farm operated by the school on the 1100 block of Wood Street. Gardening at the Triangle would be an extension of the urban farm curriculum and would be done on a continuing and long-term basis.
3. Tree pit & fountain fences - Using private funding, we would like to protect the smaller tree pits with low fences to match those already installed on the larger pits. Additionally, we would like to add a matching fence around the perimeter of the fountain, tall enough to discourage access to the fountain, but open along the base to allow access to the fountain planting bed.
4. Utilities - We would like to explore the possibility of having access to a hose bibb for irrigation and power for performers and farmer's market vendors (perhaps these already exist and its just a matter of arranging access?).
5. Information Kiosk - It would be beneficial to have somewhere to post information about Polish Triangle events, performances, and farmer's markets and to further demonstrate the community's shared 'ownership' of the space. Also, pigeons are a terrible problem at the Triangle; having a place to post information that discourages feeding of the pigeons would be helpful.

At this point we are not formally asking to do any of these things, we simply want to understand what reviews/approvals/permits/insurance etc. would be necessary if we were to pursue each of these ideas. Once we understand what is involved, we will work with the alderman's office to plan implementation.

Thank you,

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B) Adam Workshop



In the last few months, communities throughout northeastern Illinois have seen devastating rainfalls and damaging floods. Between streets, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces, a lot of that water had nowhere to go. Flooding and combined sewer overflows damage property, drain government budgets, and are environmental threats.

Fortunately, the State of Illinois can help you and your community reduce the effects of stormwater runoff. The Ill. Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) is once again accepting applications for the [Illinois Green Infrastructure Grants Program for Stormwater Management](https://dnbweb1.blackbaud.com/OPXREPHIL/Link.asp?link=581013) (IGIG). **This year's deadline is Dec. 15, 2011.** Grants will be awarded for a range of project sizes and types, such as installation of permeable paving, bioinfiltration systems, and downspout disconnection programs.

The Metropolitan Planning Council is hosting two public workshops for prospective applicants and other interested parties to learn more about this exciting new program.

IEPA staff will be on hand to explain the details of the grant program, and project managers of some of last year's successful applications will describe their proposals. Attendees also will have the opportunity to network and brainstorm about project ideas with design and engineering firms, planners, landscape architects and other experts in the field of green infrastructure.

Register now for Monday, Oct. 17, 3 to 4:30 p.m. <https://dnbweb1.blackbaud.com/OPXREPHIL/Link.asp?link=581014>

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Chicago, Ill. (See this location on Google Maps <https://dnbweb1.blackbaud.com/OPXREPHIL/Link.asp?link=581017>)

OR

Register now for Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10 to 11:30a.m. <https://dnbweb1.blackbaud.com/OPXREPHIL/Link.asp?link=581015> The Centre in Elgin, North Banquet Facility 100 Symphony Way Elgin, Ill. (See this location on Google Maps

<https://dnbweb1.blackbaud.com/OPXREPHIL/Link.asp?link=581018>) These workshops are free. Prospective applicants include units of government, watershed planning groups, non-profit organizations, private businesses, and individuals. You are welcome to attend more than one workshop, but the content will be comparable. Seating is limited, so you must register in advance.

For more information, please contact Josh Ellis at jellis@metroplanning.org <mailto:jellis@metroplanning.org> or (312) 863-6045.

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C) Adam ComEd

- a. Also, Wayne and Joe, I am attaching the ComEd Small Business Energy Savings program description, which is on the agenda for discussion at the next Chamber Green Committee meeting. We want to discuss co-promoting this program with the release of our 10 Easy Ways to Go Green tip sheet.
- b. Also, if you go to this link, you'll see a local business that is very familiar to all of us!
https://www.comed.com/sites/businesssavings/Pages/smallbus_resources.aspx

D) Adam Exit Signs

- a. Another topic for discussion at the Clean Green & Safe Committee is to discuss whether the WPB SSA would like to offer a \$10 rebate per LED exit sign installed through this program. We did this in Andersonville and got 99 of the signs installed. This additional rebate brought the cost down to \$49/sign and really attracted a great deal of interest among the businesses. The LED exit signs have a relatively low initial cost and , with the additional rebate, the cost is recaptured within a year. A very quick payback period and a great "hook" to get folks interested in additional green investments.