

# Clean & Green Committee Minutes

Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 9:05am-10:20am  
Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

***In attendance:*** Wayne Janik (Committee Chair), Mary Tamminga (Voting Member), Chi Braunreiter (Voting Member)

***Guests:*** Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate), Matthias Scheidler (Christy Webber), Jack (Resident), Nicole (Resident), David Oakes (SSA #22)

***Staff:*** Pamela Maass (WPBCC Executive Director), Alice Howe (Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

## Proposals

**Motion 1:** The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$6,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Christy Webber to replace three (3) trees, one on Milwaukee Ave. (at 1389 N. Milwaukee Ave.) and two on Division St. (at 1904 W. Division St. and 2011 W. Division St., respectively) (23-0106)

**Motion 2:** The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve Chi Braunreiter as a voting member of the Clean & Green Committee.

## Discussions/Updates

1. **Proper paperwork to make Chi a voting member.**
2. **Tree Replacements on Milwaukee and Division**
  - a. After discussing the motion above, an interest in expanding certain tree pits was proposed and the difficulty of breaking up deep-reaching concrete surrounding certain tree pits was brought up by MS.
3. **Neighborhood Composting/Sustainability w/ David Oakes**
  - a. David Oakes from SSA #22 shared some insights on their commercial composting pilot program, in collaboration with WasteNot. David shared their launch process, which consisted of offering 9 months of free composting to pin-holding businesses (averaging \$33-\$46 per month per business) followed by the business' decision to buy into the program at a discounted, group rate.
  - b. Potential line-item amounts were discussed (SSA #22 began with a \$3,000 motion under Litter Abatement), along with the marketing benefits that businesses could receive from the program.
  - c. DO presented products from Forever Ware as another potential sustainability initiative for SSA #33 to advocate for restaurants and cafes to cut back on Styrofoam containers and waste.
4. **Graffiti Abatement and Deterrents**
  - a. Community monitoring was discussed in relation to an uptick in graffiti tagging, leading to discussions concerning OEMC surveillance and potential solutions to crack down further on tagging (drone monitoring).
5. **2023 Spring/Summer Planter Ideas**

- a. DO mentioned utilizing native plant species for seasonal planters and beds, which could potentially lead to lower costs and greater ecological benefits. AH and LS will follow up after the meeting to learn more and bring the findings back to next committee meeting.

## **Vendor Check-in**

### **1. Christy Webber**

- a. MS shared the snow update, with 10" of snow cleared in the month of January, leaving approx. 33" of snow left in the seasonal contract. MS requested the specific addresses for the tree replacements listed in the motion above, and informed the committee that we should begin planning summer planter flowers soon, as they are seeing some order difficulties for certain plants already.

### **2. Cleanslate**

- a. Garbage removal has been progressing as planned, and cigarette cans are being collected. Quick discussion concerning Terracycle, our cigarette recycling partner, and how their service works, followed by clarification that graffiti clean-up will resume in March.