

# Clean & Green Committee Minutes

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00am-10:00am  
Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

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

***Guests:*** Ron Holakovsky (Cleanslate)

***Staff:*** Alice Howe (Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

***Motion 1:*** The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$10,000** from line item **3.01 (Garbage/Recycling Material Program)** for WasteNot Compost to act as our commercial composting vendor for 2024-2025. (24-0401)

*Discussion:* Committee wants to launch a second composting initiative available to all new businesses, and improve on the previous program with more door-to-door canvassing and less initial fund allocation to allow for growth.

MT motions. CB seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.**

***Motion 2:*** The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,000** from line item **2.07 (Sidewalk Litter Abatement – Supplies)** for clean-up materials and food for volunteers at the SSA #33 sidewalk Clean-Up Event on April 27<sup>th</sup>. (24-0402)

*Discussion:* In collaboration with the Wicker Park Committee, SSA #33 will help throw an SSA-wide clean-up event, and LS was tasked with reaching out to Christy Webber, Bartlett, and local schools to see what other support we could get on the day of the event.

MT motions. BK seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

## Updates

### 1. Cleanslate Snow Removal

- a. RH shared that salt usage in the neighborhood dipped significantly between '22 and '23, and the committee discussed the current state of the Cleanslate snow removal contract and will discuss its relevance for the upcoming winter before deciding in July.

### 2. Cigarette Containers, Trash Can Liners, and Bike Racks

- a. The committee asked Cleanslate to provide additional cigarette containers (specifically, in front of Easy Bar), trash can liners to keep bags upright in the neighborhood receptacles, and bike racks (specifically, on the northern stretch of Damen Ave) and RH said he would see what they have stored.

### 3. Trees at 1531 N Damen Ave

- a. AH mentioned the destruction and removal of public trees at Big Star (1531 N Damen Ave) and the conversation that would need to be held with their management and the 1<sup>st</sup> Wards Office, as well as the Forestry Department, to make sure the trees would no longer be vandalized at that location.

### 4. "Green Tips" Information Hub

- a. The Committee discussed using the new website's features in May to create an informational area on the SSA website to share ecological tips for Wicker Park Bucktown, on topics like litter abatement, plant & tree care, and green space preservation.

Next Meeting – May 6<sup>th</sup>