

Clean & Green/Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, November 4th – 9:07am-10:14am

Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

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

Guests: Joshua Kaiser (Christy Webber), Ned Fleming (Landscape Concepts Management), Tessa Cecchin (Landscape Concepts Management), Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate), Laura Yopez (Wicker Park Inn), Aby Fewel (My 3 Meals)

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

Motions

Motion 1: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$63,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Christy Webber Landscaping to provide landscaping services for the Milwaukee and Damen Ave planters for the SSA in 2025. (24-1102)

*BK Motions. MT seconds. All ayes. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 2: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$55,000** from line **item 2.02 (Landscaping)** for Christy Webber to provide general landscaping services for all of the SSA in 2025. (24-1103)

*BK motions. MT seconds. All ayes. **Recommendation passes.***

Updates

1. Landscaping and Planters Proposals

- a. Representatives from both applying organizations for the 2025 SSA #33 landscaping RFPs were present and shared details about their respective proposals. After thoughtful consideration by the Committee, the voting members decided to renew Christy Webber Landscaping's contract for both proposals, with the stipulation that AH demands better flower bed cleaning from the CW team going forward, as it has been less than satisfactory recently, as well as more transparency in their cleaning and planting schedules. Additionally, they will be required to level free grates, as clarified in their contract.

2. Wayfinding Project for 2025

- a. Wayfinding RFP has been released, and the Committee will view all of the proposals in February 2025.

3. Tree Planting Updates

- a. On November 18th, 14 new trees will be planted within the boundaries of SSA #33, with a sizing of 3.5 in., compared to the previous 3 in. plantings. JK will send the full breakdown of the tree choices to AH.

4. Metzger Court Expansion

- a. AH discussed new street furnishing ideas for Metzger Court to better activate the space and encourage community members to utilize it more. This includes elevated planters

with integrated seating and other sitting/scalable structures, with an emphasis on artistry. The Committee discussed releasing an architectural design RFP for the space in the new year.

5. New Bench Design

- a. Due to an increase in bench theft, the committee discussed a new bench design and material, eventually settling on large composite benches that are made of a plasticized wood-like material.

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