

# Clean & Green/Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, October 7th – 9:10am-10:15am

Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

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

**Guests:** Joshua Kaiser (Christy Webber), Jason Jenkins (Dero)

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

## Updates

### 1. Christy Webber Landscape Update

- a. JK introduced himself as the new account manager for WPB SSA 33. He shared updates on the Wicker Park Holiday Tree Installation (sometime between Dec 1-6), Winter Planter plantings (also sometime between Dec 1-6), and the immediate public way installation of 2 trees, scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>. JK also shared that, after reviewing pricing for the dead tree replacement, we can expect to replace more than 10 trees with the \$40,000 motion (likely between 11-13 trees). Locations for these trees will be confirmed soon, and species will be decided with the advice of Bartlett Tree Experts.

### 2. Wayfinding Project for 2025

- a. AH shared SSA 33's history in wayfinding initiatives, and what steps to avoid in order to make sure this effort does not fail this time around. A formal wayfinding RFP will be finalized this week.

### 3. WPB SSA 33 Bike Pump Repairs

- a. AH requested that JJ take a look at the two broken bike pumps within the SSA footprint (Churchill Park and Polish Triangle) and put together pricing to buy repair materials, like pump hoses and nozzles, in bulk to store with Cleanslate to accelerate the repair process in the future. WJ also requested that AH and LS reach out to a local bike shop to see if they would be contracted to be trained and do seasonal check-ups on the neighborhood bike pumps.

### 4. Bike Mount Practice

- a. AH proposed installing a practice mount in the neighborhood, where cyclists can practice mounting their bikes on CTA buses. She proposed a location near the Western Blue Line stop, and will be reaching out to the CTA to see if they have any practice mounts.

### 5. Metzger Court Planter Design

- a. AH proposed installing public seating, integrated with planters, to Metzger Court to better utilize the space and make it more hospitable. JK stated that he could speak with the CW welding team to see what would be possible to install in Metzger Court. JJ recommended opening up the design process to public opinion, and offer a contest to landscape architects who may be interested in designing the benches/planters.

### 6. New Bench/Bike Rack 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. Committee also discussed installing new bike racks and updated the neighborhood design to be simpler and more identifiable, as well as convenient for cyclists to lock to.

### 7. Community Bike Rides

- a. The committee discussed liability issues in hosting community bike rides with local bike shops/bike advocacy groups, so JJ recommended getting connected with the League of Illinois Bicyclists or League of American Cyclists, who teach bike safety courses and take accountability in group rides. Committee also discussed collaborating with Active Trans Alliance for Bike to Work Week.

**8. Milwaukee Ave Bike Lane Project**

- a. WJ recommended reaching out to CPD or CFD to see if accident occurrences have increased in areas where the new protected bike lanes have been installed, along with older CDOT surveys that track bike lane usage and braking activity

Next Meeting – November 4th