

WPB SSA #33 Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 – 7:04 PM to 8:05 PM
Hybrid Meeting Hosted at 1414 N Ashland Ave and via Zoom

Attendance:

David Ginople (DG)

Wayne Janik (WJ)

Guests – Ginna Ryan (Commissioner-in-Waiting, Mauge), Chi Braunreiter (Commissioner-in-Waiting, Resident), Dominika Hertsberg (Commissioner-in-Waiting, Balanced Flow Wellness)

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

1) Call to Order at 7:04 PM

2) Review of November Commission Minutes

*WJ motions. DH seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

3) November Financial Report

*WJ motions. GR seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

4) December Financial Report

*WJ motions. DH seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

5) Chamber Report; delivered by PM

Discussion of November Mixer and Board of Director Elections at Revolver, November Women's+ Networking Mixer at Bespoke Design, Cancellation of the WPB 5K and highlighting of Thanksgiving specials instead, Small Business Saturday, Light Up WPB (over 200 cups of hot cocoa and rickshaw rides shared with the community), Holiday Party at Lottie's Pub, December Women's+ Networking Mixer at One Strange Bird, Indoor Winter Market, 2024 Neighborhood Guide to be released at February Mixer (Feb. 7th), 20th Anniversary of Wicker Park Fest, new website launching, 6 ribbon cuttings in November + December, and 6 new Board Members voted in.

6) Program Manager Report; delivered by AH

Discussion of Holiday Tree Lighting success, Snowflakes will remain up for a few more weeks, Community Feedback Session with Green Star Movement at Indoor Market 1/21, 2023 Annual Report and Market Study work has begun, Potential 2nd Round for

WasteNot Composting Pilot Project, hiatus until March for Cleanslate Graffiti abatement, 3 new commissioners will be added to the Commission starting February.

7) Motions

Motion 1: The Clean & Green Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$20,400** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)**, for the landscaping of the Damen Ave. planter expansion, from Wicker Park to Webster St. with Christy Webber Landscaping. (24-0101)

*WJ motions. DH seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

Discussion: 24 new planters will be placed on Damen Ave from Schiller St to Webster Ave in April. Commission also confirmed that Christy Webber will be replacing the winter greenery in the existing planters soon.

Motion 2: The Clean & Green Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$20,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Bartlett Tree Care's 2024 contract to cover all annual treatments and pruning. (24-0102)

*WJ motions. DH seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

Discussion: The original motion for Bartlett's 2023-2024 contract did not account for summer pruning, so this motion covers the rest of the season.

Motion 3: The Clean & Green Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$10,000** from line item **2.07 (Sidewalk Litter Abatement - Supplies)** for the purchase of new trash cans to be placed along North Ave. and Division St. (24-0103)

*WJ motions. DH seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

Discussion: 10 black, metal trash cans will be placed on Division and North Ave. GR added that there are no cans on Milwaukee from North Ave to Wabansia, so AH will reach out to 32nd ward to immediately place one.

8) New Business

- a) We Are Beautiful Mural Project requires more attention. WJ stated that the 2023 repainting of the mural did not make enough of a difference, and would like the Arts Committee to revisit it.

9) Adjournment Motion at 8:05 PM

*WJ motions. DH seconds. All in favor. **Meeting Adjourned.***

Next Meeting - February 21st