

WPB (SSA #33) Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
Chicago Public Library, Bucktown-Wicker Park Branch
Minutes

Present: Commissioners Payton Chung, Larry Griffin, Dan Kuruna, Shelia Kailus, Jessica Peterson, David Ginople, Joe Hall, Wayne Janik, Jan Metzger, Claudia Skylar; WPB Program Manager Jamie Simone; WPB Contracts Coordinator Jason Giarmo; Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Paula Barrington; approximately eight audience members.

Ms. Peterson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Mr. Janik moved to approve February 10, 2009 draft minutes. Mr. Kuruna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chung moved to approve March 10, 2009 draft minutes. Mr. Janik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial report by Ms. Peterson (ex officio).

The financial committee reported revenue of \$230,185, expenditures of approximately \$63,219, and approximately \$743,496 in the WPB's bank accounts. Discussion was had regarding certain line item expenditures from March 2009 statement of activities (e.g. \$12,150 from line item 1.09 for various festivals and local outreach projects; \$11,000 for line item 2.07 for sidewalk cleaning).

Program Manager report by Ms. Simone and Contracts Coordinator report by Mr. Giarmo.

Ms. Simone discussed the Time Out pull-out map and launch party. SSA funded food for the Time Out launch party; Time Out paid for beverages.

Ms. Simone reported on progress with Polish Triangle redevelopment project; MPC plans to hold a special event this summer, with potential test closing of Milwaukee along the triangle. Discussion was had regarding the status of the fountain cover project; executive committee will follow up on status of the fountain cover project and whether it makes sense to move forward given the new redevelopment initiative.

Ms. Simone reported that she and Mr. Giarmo met with Futurity regarding their work on the database/geotagging project.

Ms. Simone reported no responses to Mautene Court RFP yet. Ms. Simone reported several bids to neighborhood marketing plan RFP; evaluation of the proposals is in progress.

ING and Active Transportation Alliance plan to sponsor a "commuter stop" for Bike to Work Day at the Polish Triangle.

Initial recommendations based on loading zone audit are in. Discussion was had regarding the need to accommodate bike parking (especially given the plans to remove meters and replace with pay boxes).

Mr. Giarmo discussed the façade rebate program proposal and RFP regarding snow removal contracts.

Chamber of Commerce report by Paula Barrington.

Ms. Barrington spoke briefly regarding the upcoming sales tax holiday retail promotion program and the effect of parking fees on local businesses.

Executive Committee report by Ms. Peterson.

After a brief discussion of certain line items, Ms. Metzger moved to approve the draft 2010 Budget. Mr. Janik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Metzger moved to approve the draft 2010 Work Plan. Mr. Chung seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kailus moved to approve the Wicker Park-Bucktown Chamber of Commerce as the Service Provider organization for 2010. Mr. Ginople seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kailus moved to approve the 2009 audit. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kuruna moved to approve an amendment to the by-laws regarding volunteer voting committee members. Mr. Janik seconded. After discussion about the number and composition of the volunteer committees, Ms. Kailus moved to amend the pending motion to delete the maximum number of 5 members. The motion was called to a vote. Mr. Hall voted nay, Ms. Skylar abstained, and the other commissioners present voted aye; the motion carried.

Guide Development Committee report by Mr. Griffin.

Mr. Griffin reported on the first meeting of the Guide Development committee.

Pedestrians and Passengers Committee report by Ms. Kailus.

Brief discussion was had regarding progress on the Redpost CTA Bus Tracker initiative.

Bikes Committee report by Mr. Chung.

Mr. Chung reported that the committee had finalized its budget, and discussed plans to partner with other organizations such as Active Transportation Alliance.

Clean, Green & Safe Committee Report by Mr. Janik.

Mr. Janik discussed plans to put a public marker at Mautene Court to indicate that it is a public space.

Promote the Arts Committee Report by Mr. Kuruna.

Mr. Kuruna moved to fund the organization, Artists We Need Now and their 'Object Symposium', April 18th at St. Paul's Cultural Center in Wicker Park, in the amount of \$800. Funding is from line item 1.09. Ms. Weathered seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Promote WPB Report by Mr. Kuruna.

Mr. Griffin moved to approve \$15,000 to support the Flat Iron Artists Association with the summer months of First Fridays. Funding is from line item 1.09. Ms. Metzger seconded. After a brief

discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Public comment.

Brief discussion was had about Tocco restaurant's intentions to set up a sidewalk café in the Mautene Court space and need to coordinate with alderman to make sure Tocco's plans do not result in the sidewalk café area taking over the majority of Mautene Court.

Mr. Chung moved to adjourn. Mr. Janik seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.