

Clean, Green & Safe Minutes

Attendees: David Ginople-Commissioner WPB – Co Chair
Wayne Janik-Commissioner WPB – Co Chair
Eleanor Mayer – WPB Program Assistant
Marjorie Isaacson-Committee Member

Location: Janik's Café, 2011 W. Division St., on the first Tuesday of the month.

The Clean, Green and Safe Committee, met on Tuesday, February 02, 2010 at 9 am at Janik's Cafe.

- **Christmas Decorations Update:**
 - All snowflakes have been removed.
 - Light at the Polish Triangle will be removed per contract in April 2010.
 - The Clean Green and Safe Committee requested that WPB staff look investigate what the cost would be for next year to change the contract to include half of the existing snowflakes in white material and the rest in silver (no more blue snowflakes) and to increase the amount of lights installed in the trees on the Polish Triangle.
- **Futurity Update:**
 - Training on the Futurity landscape database is in progress. Final training will be on February 11, 2010.
 - Eleanor is going to confirm that an address field has been added to the database.
 - Futurity continues to work with Christy Weber on the vendor side of the database.
 - Landscaping contract will be out for bid in March and use of the Futurity database will be in the contract.
 - Will work with Futurity on submitting a RFP for a federal US EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant for Emerald Ash Borer mitigation and a second grant for Urban forest research. Potential partnerships include City of Chicago Department of the Environment, local WPB schools, and climate scientists at DePaul University.
- **Christy Weber Monthly Update**
 - Will review current Landscape contract and will work as needed to better define work (scope of services, e.g. pruning times, weeding and alternative mulch material as required) with next contract.
 - Landscape contract will be sent out for bid by the end of February.
- **Landscaping Contract**
 - RFP will be sent out after final training with Futurity.
 - Are two vendors ok to use? The Clean, Green and Safe committee feels that one vendor is only needed.
 - The contract will request that an arborist be used during spring tree pruning.
 - The Clean, Green and Safe committee is going to research if water bags are necessary and if so for what size trees. Also the committee feels that the water bags at this time should be stored in the basement of the Chamber office. Currently we pay Christy Weber \$650 for storage. The water bags are owned by the SSA.
 - The contract will include the planting of flowers/maintenance in Mautene Court
- **CleanSlate Update**
 - Snow removal has been started as per contract. Service has been done well.
 - Street cleaning continues as weather permits. During the month of December the trash cans seem to have been full. The members of the Clean, Green and Safety committee will monitor and make correction as needed.
 - Reduction from 4 days to 3 days is not working well. Requesting a cost estimate to increase by one additional day.
 - On the event of the next snow fall, Cleanslate and Olsen to distribute informational snow removal door hangers.

- Problem with locks on recycling cans: the locks have been freezing when it is very cold out. Will not place locks during winter and will monitor usage of the recycling cans.
- **Olsen Inc. Update**
 - Snow removal has been started as per contract. Service has been done well.
 - Next snow fall Olsen to distribute door hangers.
- **Tree Grate pilot project**
 - The Clean Green and Safe committee is revisiting this project.
- **Division St. Fences**
 - Waiting for reply from the Alderman's office.
- **Commercial Recycling Program**
 - Continue to collect information from retailers on their current recycling programs and needs.