

Arts Committee Meeting

Minutes

May 22, 2018

In attendance: David Ginople (chair), Alma Weiser, Charlie Rees, Annie Coleman, Sam Marts, Dan Murphy, Jordan Miller, Sam Choudhury (SSA program manager), Hans Kumler (SSA program specialist).

1. The committee was provided with updates on the two public art installations commissioned by the Arts Committee, dating back to 2016.
 - Lynn Basa's 'Worker's Cottage' – the SSA commission approved additional \$5,000 in funding to assist with additional construction requirements not originally anticipated by the artist. Lynn and her project manager and lighting specialist visited the WPBCC office to provide updates and a brief demo of the project. Groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Monday June 11th at the intersection of Milwaukee/Wood/Wolcott, where the piece will live. SSA Staff will be sure to reach out to local alderman with information on installation timetable, in case of inquiries.
 - Mike Helbing's 'Wicker Tree'—updates on project as of today's meeting: the piece is awaiting final approval from the Chicago Park District's Park Enhancement Committee, with the review meeting scheduled for today May 22nd, 2018 (meeting was originally scheduled for Tues. 5/15.). To be discussed at 5/22 meeting: permitted artistic elements and finalized installation site. Technical drawings were requested by Park District Manager of Art Initiatives to use for this review meeting and were provided by the artist.
2. The committee discussed updates from the Chicago Sculpture Exhibition project. One of the five sculptures was installed (at Milwaukee/Leavitt) but per Chicago's Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, the sculpture will need to be moved. SC to meet with city and CSE contacts to find nearby location today (5/22). A second sculpture will soon be installed on Western Ave, near Milwaukee Ave within the next week. SSA Staff to design a postcard summarizing the CSE project and distribute to area businesses in June.
3. The committee reviewed the 4 proposed art installations for activation during 2018 Wicker Park Fest.
4. 2019 budget discussion: the committee identified the following projects to pursue next year, with planning to start in 2018.
 - Creation of a grant application geared towards funding public art in SSA #33
 - Host public competition for neighborhood art installation, similar to 2017's "One Big Thing"
 - Funding project involving plaques to be installed on landmarked buildings containing historical information for visitors and residents
 - Organizing a neighborhood-wide celebration of the history and development of the neighborhood from a cultural and architectural point of view

Motions for the SSA Commission

Motion 1: To approve spending not to exceed \$1,000 from line item 1.05 (decorative banners) to purchase additional SSA branded feather banners for use at WPBCC/SSA events and festivals. **Motion made by DG. DM seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**