

Executive Committee Agenda  
Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 - 8:30 am-10:00 am  
Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce - 1414 N. Ashland Ave.

*In attendance: David Ginople (Commission Chair), Wayne Janik (Treasurer), Marcy Huttas (Secretary)*

*Staff: Alice Howe (Program Specialist), Garrett Karp (Program Manager), Pamela Maass (WPBCC Executive Director)*

*Guests: Alma Wieser (Heaven Gallery), Kyle Sneed (Wicker Park Committee), Jane Wenger, (Resident), Claudia Langham (Resident), Catherine Caravette (Resident),*

## 1. Proposals

**Motion 1:** The Executive Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,825.00** budget line **1.02 (Special Events)** for the 2019 WPBCC + SSA joint holiday party to be held at Exchange 312 on December 11<sup>th</sup>. (19-1106)

*DG motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. MOTION PASSES.*

**Motion 2:** The Executive Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$41,600** from budget line **2.08 (Sidewalk Maintenance & Litter Abatement)** from the **2020 Budget** for Cleanslate's 2020 Wicker Park AfterDark contract extension. (19-1107)

*DG motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. MOTION PASSES.*

**Motion 3:** The Executive Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$8,000** from budget line **2.06 (Public Art)** for Terry Karpowicz to remove Wicker Tree art installation from Wicker Park until the canopy is fully completed. (19-1108)

*DG motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. MOTION PASSES.*

AW and her board presented on their proposal for funding for a Community Art Center in Wicker Park. This proposal requested between \$10,000 and \$40,000 in funding for a new art center including items such as rent, purchase of property, and staff salaries.

- a. The committee and staff explained that these items are not appropriate for SSA funding, do not fit into any of SSA #33's protocol for awarding funding to outside entities, and are not in the SSA's budget.
- b. MH, DG and staff gave the group advice on how to take advantage of the Community Grant Program (up to \$5,000 annually per organization) for funding programming and outreach that could assist fundraising for new center
- c. MH also mentioned that the SSA accepts façade rebate applications, staff pointed out that the Lubinski Furniture Building received a façade rebate within the last couple of years and will not be eligible for this rebate for a while.

DG, MH and WJ all agree that the proposal in its current form is not eligible for SSA funding. **Proposal rejected.**

## 2. **2020 Schedule**

**Motion 4:** The Executive Committee moves to approve the proposed 2020 SSA Commission Meeting schedule.

*DG motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. **MOTION PASSES.***

## 3. **Wicker Tree Updates**

- a. Staff discussed the Wicker Tree with Claire Rodriguez and Michael Dimitroff from the Parks District.
- b. The artist, Mike Helbing is having health issues and cannot complete the canopy in his current state.
- c. They agreed this project should be removed until the canopy is completed and are willing to have it reinstalled when the time comes.

## 4. **December 2019 Schedule**

- a. The committee discussed the proposed changes for December's meetings.
  - i. Both Arts and Promote Committee will meet in December.
  - ii. There will only be a Commission meeting if it's necessary.

## 5. **Wicker Park Gurgyle Fountain Restoration**

- a. The committee agreed to delay the discussion until Spring of 2020 when the Wicker Park Fountain is running again and the SSA has budget for repairs
- b. They would also like to meet with Andjrez from CSoS to discuss the request for \$28,800 in additional funding before voting on it, as they would like his advise on how to fix other issues that weren't rectified in the initial fountain restoration.

## 6. **Follow-up Grants for 2019 Community Grants**

- a. AH and GK shared list of 2019 Community Grant recipients that haven't submitted their follow-up reports after multiple reminders
- b. Promote Committee has suggested that if they missed the deadline, they don't receive their follow-up payments
- c. DG asked if this meant they are also ineligible for funding the following year
  - i. GK said that will probably be the case but its up to Promote Committee (or Grants/Rebates Committee)

## 7. **Online Rebate forms**

- a. GK said that he feels like the forms are ready but could use an extra set of eyes with background in construction/architecture/contracting
- b. PM and DG suggested sharing with Sam Marts and David Stearns
- c. GK would like this to go live on the website by Jan 1

## 8. **UPDATE: Holiday Decorations**

- a. GK provided an update on the timing of installation for the new snowflake holiday decorations – they should be up immediately before or after Thanksgiving