

Arts Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 – 9:10am-10:38am
Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Sam Marts (voting member), Darien Halligan (Voting Member) – No Quorum

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Specialist), Garrett Karp (Program Manager), Jordan Miller (Social Media & Arts Admin)

Updates

1. Ali Six Mural
 - a. GK updated the committee on the progress with the Ali Six mural. 1st Ward Staff and SSA staff have worked with the artist to move forward with the new mural in early Spring.
2. **SSA Budget / Cash Flow / Pandemic Protocol**
 - a. Tax collection will continue to be slow in 2021 so we cannot overcommit funding to projects.
3. **Jordan's WPB Arts Report**
 - a. JM has been publishing weekly arts guides for WPB and has created an extensive artist's opportunity page that has been one of the most visited pages on the Chamber's website.
 - b. JM created an interactive legacy business map that will soon be posted on our website.

Today's Discussion

4. **CSE 2021**
 - a. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the investment in CSE.
 - b. DH would like to see the SSA purchase more sculptures – JM and DG reminded DG that this may be a long-term goal but there are many expenses and responsibilities involved in owning a sculpture or piece of that scale.
 - c. Overall, the committee thinks CSE brings value to the neighborhood, especially during the pandemic.
 - d. Members also to begin installing sculptures on all of our main streets this year rather than focusing on the North Ave. corridor.

Motion 1: The Committee recommends the Commission move to approve funding not to exceed **\$30,000** from line item 2.06 (**Public Art**) for the installation of 8 sculptures from Chicago Sculpture Exhibition for Spring 2021. (21-0203)

5. **Future of Murals Program**
 - a. Staff would like to see the become a similar program to our current Façade Rebate application to streamline the process.
6. **2021 Planning**
 - a. The committee discussed possibilities for 2021 programming/funding since Wicker Park Fest will not be returning this season with the pandemic.
 - b. JM brought up an idea to have pins designed by local artists for the community to purchase and collect – we will bring this up again in March.
7. **Wicker Tree**
 - a. DG has been in contact with Mike Helbing about the future of the Wicker Tree.

- b. It's current storage facility in Indiana would like to begin charging \$100/month for holding the sculpture.
- c. The committee discussed different options and locations for a new installation since the Park District has already planted a real tree in its original location.

Next Meeting – March 9th