

Arts Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 – 9:09am-10:20am
Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Sam Marts (voting member), Darian Hallagan (Voting Member)

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Specialist), Jordan Miller (Social Media & Arts Admin), Pamela Maass (Executive Director)

Updates

1. Jordan's WPB Arts Report
 - a. JM is continuing to publish weekly art guides and update artist directory and website.
 - b. He is working with Ali Six to begin the installation at Wolcott and Milwaukee Ave.
 - c. He is assisting with the Chamber's Art Quest event that will take place in July to highlight many of the art installations around the neighborhood, including those that have been funded by SSA #33

2. Wicker Park Fest
 - a. PM explained that the Chamber is planning to move forward with a reduced footprint festival for 2021
 - b. There will only be room for one installation, if the committee decides to move forward.

3. 2021 Streetscape Elements Survey
 - a. Transportation Committee and staff created and released a survey to see what the neighborhood would like to see along new bump-outs along Damen and North Ave.
 - b. The two front runners are currently planters and sculptures.

Discussion

4. Murals
 - a. With the new Art Quest event, there are several businesses who are interested and ready to have murals painted.
 - b. The committee approved funding in 2020 but many projects were postponed due to the pandemic.

Motion 1: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding for **\$25,000** from line item 2.06 (Public Art) for the installation of murals in the Summer of 2021. (21-0504)

*DG recommends. SM seconds. **Motion Recommended.***

5. Wicker Park Fest
 - a. The committee discussed new potential rules for the RFP this year
 - b. JM will draft an RFP for review and will post in the upcoming week

Motion 2: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding for **\$5,000** from line item 2.06 (Public Art) for one art installation at Wicker Park Fest. (21-0505)

*DG recommends. SM seconds. **Motion Recommended.***

Ongoing Discussions

6. Wicker Tree

- a. Mike Helbing is currently waiting for a surgery. Once he is able to, staff will schedule a virtual meeting with him to discuss next steps.
- b. DG would like staff to look into the possibility of installing the sculpture at Metzger Court, where a large tree was recently removed from the plaza.

Next Meeting – June 29th