

Arts Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 7th, 2022 – 9:05am-10:15am
Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Sam Marts (Voting Member)

Staff: Jordan Miller (Arts Administrator)

1. Updates with Jordan Miller

- a. Pending committee and Commission approval, several public art projects are lined up for the first half of 2023 – to be discussed in-meeting.
- b. Website updates are ongoing with plans for expanded promotion of arts programming in 2023, including a possible spot in Newcity's EXPO Chicago publication.

Motion 1: The Committee recommends the Commission move to approve funding not to exceed **\$2,000** from line item 2.06 (**Public Art**) for a promotional spot in the Newcity EXPO Chicago special edition to highlight the WPB Weekend Arts Guide and arts webpage. (23-0201)

DG motions. SM seconds. All in favor. Motion Passes.

2. Proposed Mural for Walgreen's at 1372 N Milwaukee

- a. The committee reviewed wall specifications provided by Walgreen's and agreed that the site is an excellent candidate for an SSA-sponsored mural.

Motion 2: The Committee recommends the Commission move to approve funding not to exceed **\$10,000** from line item 2.06 (**Public Art**) for a new mural to be located on the northeast-facing wall of the Walgreen's at 1372 N Milwaukee Ave. (23-0202)

DG motions. SM seconds. All in favor. Motion Passes.

3. Chicago Sculpture Exhibit

- a. The initial CSE jury has been conducted and the committee is waiting for the final roster to make preferred selections via Google form.
 - i. Consideration should be given to location/placement when selections are made. Thoughts on possible problem locations and potential new locations should be sent to Jordan.

Motion 3: The Committee recommends the Commission move to approve funding not to exceed **\$32,000** from line item 2.06 (**Public Art**) to sponsor eight (8) sculptures for the 2023-2024 Chicago Sculpture Exhibit. (23-0203)

DG motions. SM seconds. All in favor. Motion Passes.

4. Wicker Park Fest Arts Area

- a. The committee would like to see a single designated Arts Area at the 2023 Fest with possible security for the works during off-hours.
- b. The committee would prefer to review artworks that are larger, impactful, and sturdy sculptures or installations with the goal of sponsoring one (1) to two (2) quality pieces.

Motion 4: The Committee recommends the Commission move to approve funding not to exceed **\$10,000** from line item 2.06 (**Public Art**) for the Arts Area at the 2023 Wicker Park Fest. (23-0204)

*DG motions. SM seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

5. Committee Updates

- a. The *Kintsugi Memories* project from 2022 is planned for late spring 2023 pending artist's availability and workshop host schedule.
- b. Update and repair work on *Workers' Cottage* to be scheduled pending artist/RBG availability and access to electrical connection.
 - i Ideas and requests for lighting schemes should be sent to Jordan.

6. Ongoing Discussion

- a. The committee would like to pursue restoration/conservation of SSA murals in 2023 and future years.
 - i Jordan will reach out to Hebru Brantley's studio about the Brantley mural, as well as Matthew Hoffman's studio about the *You Are Beautiful* piece.
 - ii Going forward the committee aims to reserve \$5,000 annually for repair and maintenance costs of SSA public artwork.

Next Meeting – March 7th