

Arts Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 – 9:05am-10:30am

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Sam Marts (Voting Member), Laura Botwinick (Commissioner Applicant)

Staff: Jordan Miller (Arts Administrator), Alice Howe (SSA #33 Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Proposals

Motion 1: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$2,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to provide additional funds for the 2023 Wicker Park Fest Arts Area. (23-0508)

Discussion: The committee discussed the nine applicants for the Wicker Park Fest Arts Area, and eventually settled on two pieces: Transmigration by Jyl Bonaguro and the stand-up painting panels by Melina Scotte. The total cost for these two stipends is \$11,062.08, requiring additional funds to be allotted.

Motion 2: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,250** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund supplies for the You Are Beautiful studio to restore the *You are Beautiful* work at Roberto Clemente Academy. (23-0509)

In Progress

1. Walgreens Mural at Milwaukee/Wood/Wolcott

- a. Lisa Wronski's submission was selected for the Milwaukee-facing mural at Walgreens (1372 N Milwaukee Ave), and JM stated that he would need to work with Wronski to make sure the proposal would be resized to fit the wall dimensions. Walgreens has approved the submission as well.

2. Chicago Sculpture Exhibit

- a. The new 2023 Wicker Park Bucktown CSE sculptures and locations were shared with the committee, and JM clarified that they have walked through the proposed locations and expect them to be installed by late May, early June.

3. Wicker Park Fest Arts Area

- a. JM is making the final edits to the WPF Arts Area RFP and expects to announce its launch on social media by the end of the week. The committee clarified that performance art submissions may be accepted, but visual art is preferred.

Ongoing Discussions

1. Façade Rebate Murals

- a. Bodybar will likely be reaching out soon with a mural request for their building's façade.

2. Hebru Brantley Mural Restoration

- a. Brantley's team responded, saying they will send someone out to restore the mural. It will likely not be Hebru himself.

3. Expanded Promotion of WPB Arts Guides and Resources

- a. Committee discussed collaborating with W.A.G.E. to provide more funding resources for local artists.

- b. LB discussed a need to work with more diverse community and art organizations to provide opinions on proposed artwork in the community to ensure all voices are being heard and considered.

4. Support for WPB Art Quest

Next Meeting – May 30th