

Arts Committee

Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 – 9am-10am

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

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

Guests: Kristin Rydholm (Local Artist), Victoria Fuller (Guest), Nick Kester (Guest)

Staff: Alice Howe (SSA Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

In Progress

1. Transmigration Installation
 - a. Will be installed this month, as Bonaguro has completed a residency at Ragdale Foundation as of June 7th and will have more availability.
2. WPF Arts Area
 - a. First payment has been sent to the 4 selected sculptors, details on the schematics of the Arts Area will be shared by Criterion Productions soon.
3. CSE Installations
 - a. 6 of the 8 sculptures have been installed in the neighborhood, with all previous sculptures removed. SM requested speaking with CSE to see if they can move the Gallucci sculpture from the sidewalk to the grassy area behind the sidewalk at Ashland/Cortland.
4. Welcome Arch at Cortland/Ashland
 - a. DG discussed Commissioner Wayne Janik's request to permanently install a "Welcome" sculpture at Ashland and Cortland to introduce visitors to the neighborhood. LB requested that an RFP be released to make sure a wide array of artists are able to entertain the request. CL also let informed the committee of numerous art grant programs that may make a permanent sculpture installation more affordable.
5. Green Star Movement Mosaic
 - a. The assembly of the mural will begin soon, with Green Star sending over dates when community members can get involved with the creation of the mural.
6. New Website
 - a. The Committee provided numerous edits for the new "Arts & Culture" page on the WPB website, including adding new photos, updating map listings, and replacing certain buttons with more relevant images. LS has begun work on these edits.
7. Gallery Walk
 - a. AH recapped the SSA Retreat, where LB's recommendation of an Annual Art Walk was discussed, and the committee discussed the event's logistics and

requested that AH and LS find out who designed the West Town Art Guide to be RFP'd.

Looking Forward

1. Chamber Office Gallery Walls
 - a. AH discussed converting the Chamber Office walls to gallery space to host local artists and become a meeting place for Art Walk events. The committee discussed instead installing a bulletin board to keep neighbors updated on Art news in the area.
2. Music + Arts Fest
 - a. Committee discussed the potential of hosting a neighborhood-wide music and arts fest (like The Works in Edmonton), activating public spaces and music venues.
3. Planter Mosaics
 - a. KR shared images of trash cans covered in mosaic art and recommended it for planters in the SSA footprint, to discourage graffiti and spice up the planter design.

Next Meeting – September 10th