Arts Committee

Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 – 9:02am-10:00am Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Sam Marts (Voting Member), Kristin Rydholm (Voting Member), Victoria Fuller (Voting Member), Laura Botwinick (Voting Member)

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

<u>Motion 1:</u> The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$25,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund a mosaic mural from Green Star Movement on the wall of 1958 W. North Ave. in 2025. (24-1105)

<u>Discussion:</u> The Committee agreed that they preferred Dong's proposal on account of her focus on the details and style of WPB, as well as the inventiveness and sophistication of her mapping style. Committee specified that this does not include printing or distribution.

DG motions. SM seconds. All in favor. Recommendation passes.

<u>Motion 2:</u> The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$8,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund a mural on the WPBCC office (1414 N Ashland Ave). (24-1106)

<u>Discussion:</u> The Committee discussed specifically where the mural would be located on the building (facing Ashland and Beach St. on the side of 1414 N Ashland Ave).

DG motions. SM seconds. All in favor. Recommendation passes.

Updates

- 1. WPB Arts Guide
 - a. AH shared the Arts Guide progress with the Committee, including Reisling's ideas and the launch party at Jackson Junge Gallery on February 12th, in collaboration with the WPBC Neighborhood Guide Release Party.
- 2. First Fridays
 - a. 12 galleries signed up for the inaugural First Friday on November 1st, and AH encouraged the Committee to share the sign-up form with other galleries in the area before the 12/6 First Friday.

- 3. New Website
 - **a.** The Artist Directory has been updated with more artists that were included in the original directory on Accrisoft, and has now been alphabetized. LB recommended sending future arts RFPs to all of the artists listed in the directory.

Looking Forward

- 1. 2025 Murals
 - a. The Committee further discussed the idea of welcome murals at the major entrances to SSA #33, with specificity on the style of neighborhood branding and what kinds of pieces it would include (welcome mats, murals, sculptures, etc.) For the time being, the Committee agreed to start with murals and develop these welcome areas as time goes on. AH and LS will work to release RFPs in early 2025.

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