

# **Arts Committee**

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 9:00am-10:30am

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

***In attendance:*** David Ginople (Chair), Sam Marts (Voting Member), Kristin Rydholm (Voting Member), Victoria Fuller (Voting Member), Laura Botwinick (Voting Member), Carron Little (Voting Member), Gauri Sharma (Bucktown Community Organization)

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

**Motion 1:** The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$34,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund eight (8) CSE sculptures to be sponsored and installed within the SSA #33 boundaries, and one (1) additional CSE sculpture that will be co-sponsored with the Bucktown Community Organization. (25-0202)

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

**Motion 2:** The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$3,000** from line item **1.07 (Print Materials)** to fund additional edits and sticker printing costs for the WPB Arts Guide, designed by Riesling Dong. (25-0203)

*Discussion: The Committee established that AH and LS would need to explain in detail the need for additional funds on the Arts Guide project, due to additional edits and special sticker printing, so that the Commission would approve of the motion.*

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

## **Updates**

1. First Fridays
  - a. AH discussed the First Fridays art walk on February 7<sup>th</sup>, along with the Student Series at the Chamber Office, from Pritzker School this month. The Committee recommended featuring other schools and the WPAC water colors course in future special series. SM also recommended including more music acts in the First Fridays as it begins to warm up to encourage more neighborhood exploration. Additionally, short performances from Den Theatre/Chopin Theatre to grab the interest of art walkers was proposed.
2. 2025 Budgeting

- a.** The Committee discussed tentative budgeting for 2025, including approx.. \$15k for the WPF Arts Area, \$10k for each WP/B Welcome Mural, and the remainder of the budget to be dedicated to new mural prospects (All Day Tire, Milwaukee Ave locations, etc.) and a permanent sculpture at Ashland and Cortland.
- 3.** Public Engagement Art Projects
  - a.** CL recommended more public arts projects that engage with the public, particularly in the wayfinding initiative from Clean & Green & Transportation. She highlighted a need for greater queer advocacy and women-focused works.
- 4.** WPB Welcome Murals.
  - a.** Potential welcome mural locations were discussed, such as on the wall of the Damen Blue Line stop. Committee requested a survey of the available spaces along Milwaukee Ave for the most ideal spot.

Next Meeting – March 4th