

Arts Committee

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 – 9:00am-10:00am

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

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

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

Updates

1. Edra Soto Sculpture
 - a. The Committee recommended to approve funding not to exceed \$51,000 from line item 2.06 (Public Art) for the installation of a sculpture from artist Edra Soto in Walsh Park. Upon further inquiry with Walsh Park, however, AH found that the park had already denied a request for installation directly with the artist, so the recommendation has been put on hold until an agreement has been made with Walsh Park.
2. WPB Arts Guide and First Fridays
 - a. The Committee discussed promotion for the two upcoming arts events, with regular updates on the website to make sure the map listings are up-to-date month over month.
3. Welcome to Bucktown Mural
 - a. AH confirmed that the BCO and SSA #33 will be collaborating on a Welcome to Bucktown Mural, with a location confirmed with the property owner (1945 N Damen Ave). The RFP will be posted soon.
4. Artist Connections
 - a. The Committee discussed the future of First Fridays and developing pop-up spaces for artists without brick-and-mortar spaces. AH and LS will work on creating a more robust network for these artists to collaborate with participating First Friday spaces, as events/openings timed in tandem with First Fridays have proven to be mutually beneficial.

Next Meeting – May 6th