

WPB (SSA #33) Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 21, 2017
Wicker Park Field House
1425 N. Damen Ave.

Minutes

In attendance:

Brent Norsman (BN)
Rebecca Dohe (RD)
Wayne Janik (WJ)
David Ginople (DG)
Joe Hall (JH)
Marcy Huttas (MH)

1. Call to Order at 7:02
2. Introductions – BN

In attendance: Pamela Maass (executive director), Jessica Wobbekind (managing director), Michael Ashkenasi (ssa program specialist), Charlie Rees (flat iron building), a couple who are residents on Wolcott.

3. Review of May 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by: WJ; Seconded by: JH

No Discussion

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

4. Financial Reports, May 2017, delivered by WJ

Motion to approve the financial reports made by: JH; Seconded by: DG

Discussion? JH questions the rent cost, will find out and send an email tomorrow.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

5. Chamber of Commerce Report, delivered by PM

The June mixer featured Green Music Fest, approximately 60 people attended. Sustainable details from the fest- the stainless cups reduced the use of plastic cups by half; the bike stage produced 76% more power this year.

WP Fest- Burr School keeps all of the proceeds raised in the kids area; the Chamber is doing all of the programming at the community culture stage

New member orientation was a success, we will repeat it in July.

The farmers market is back in action, it has its own newsletter, that is new this year. Hans, the FM manager, will also be assisting Anthony.

6. SSA Report, delivered by JW

The replacement recycling cans on the way, the cigarette butt recycling containers have arrived, we are finalizing locations and will be installing with Cleanslate soon.

The Promote Committee is considering a branding refresh, I have an RFP out

The draft budget was submitted to the City, waiting for comments.

We are meeting with CDOT to review the plans for the Mil. Ave project in advance of the 2nd public meeting.

7. Reports of Committees

a. Executive, delivered by RD

Motion 1: on behalf of the Clean and Green Committee, to approve funding of the holiday decoration installation by HAP Industries and any needed emergency repair service to be provided by an outside vendor in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 from line item 1.06 (holiday decorations).

Motion to approve made by: RD; Seconded by: DG

Discussion- JH asks, what is emergency service? Answer- in case any of the snowflakes need to be removed in a rush, it takes HAP longer to get out sometimes.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 2: to move \$2,000 from line item 2.10 (sidewalk snow removal) to line item 1.06 (holiday decorations)

Motion to approve made by: RD; Seconded by: WJ

No Discussion

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 3: on behalf of the Clean and Green Committee, to approve the funding of a composting program at the Wicker Park Farmers Market in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 from line item 3.01 (Garbage/ Recycling Material Program)

Motion to approve made by: RD; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion- JH asks, what is this program? MA explains the program- it could include a drop-off point for residents, it allows the farmers market vendors to compost any waste food.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 4: to move \$2,500 from line item 1.02 (special events) to line item 3.01 (Garbage / Recycling Material Programs)

Motion to approve made by: RD; Seconded by: WJ

No Discussion

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

b. Promote: WPB, delivered by RD

the committee has discussed finding a location for the Wicker Buck; working on the design of the reusable tote bag; discussed the rebranding / branding refresh of the SSA.

Motion 1: to approve funding of the Bucktown Community Organization's Garden Walk to take place July 15 & 16, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 from line item 1.10 (community grants).

Motion to approve made by: RD; Seconded by: WJ

No Discussion

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 2: to approve funding of the Misfit Circus performances at the Chopin Theatre July 17-August 13, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 from line item 1.10 (community grants).

Motion to approve made by: RD; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion- JH asks about the committee's discussion when reviewing the application

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 3: to approve funding of the Chopin Theatre's 2nd Annual Art & Environment Get/Together to take place July 22, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$4,520 from line item 1.10 (community grants).

Motion to approve made by: RD; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion- a description of the event

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

c. Transportation: Pedestrians, Passengers & Bikes, delivered by JH

JW covered most details in the SSA report but a couple of comments- the GMF posted made no mention of the transportation options to the fest, PM- it was under the sustainability tab and there were surveys conducted at the fest asking attendees how they arrived, the metrics will be provided in a final report. JH noticed that the SSA wasn't noted in much of the press following the CDOT meeting.

d. Guide Development, delivered by MH

Motion 1: To approve Shelby Hastens as a voting member of the Guide Development Committee.

Motion to approve made by: MH; Seconded by: WJ

No Discussion

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 2: To move “awnings” from the eligible improvements list to the ineligible improvements list of the façade rebate program.

Motion to approve made by: MH; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion- JH asks, was there any debate? MH- not really, people have different opinions but based on the decision last month, the committee decided that awnings will likely never be approved and it is best to strike it.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

e. Clean & Green, delivered by WJ

No meeting this month. The next shredding event is July 8th. Due to the heat, please keep an eye on the trees. The committee will investigate the Daffodil Project.

f. Arts, delivered by DG

Motion 1: to approve the funding of First Fridays at the Flat Iron in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 2.06 (public art).

Motion to approve made by: DG; Seconded by: WJ

Discussion- Charlie Rees is in attendance to talk about the First Fridays- they run the events to keep the artists in the building and to keep the visual arts in the community.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Motion 2: to fund the ARC Gallery’s juried exhibition, “SHOUT!”, to take place July 19 to August 12, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$900 from line item 2.06 (public art).

Motion to approve made by: DG; Seconded by: WJ

No Discussion

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

8. Adjournment Motion at 8:16

Motion to approve made by: JH; Seconded by: WJ

Passes unanimously