WPB (SSA #33) Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday September 19, 2018
Wicker Park Field House
1425 N. Damen Ave.

In attendance:

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

Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.
   Introductions by Chair

   Guests – Alice Howe (SSA Program Specialist), Garrett Karp (SSA Program Manager), Pamela Maass (WPB Chamber of Commerce Executive Director), Fernando Moreno (SSA Promote Committee), Lela Headd (Chopin Theatre), Doug Wood (Wicker Park Advisory Council), Darien Hallagan (Bucktown Community Organization)

2. Review of July 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

   All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

3. Financial Report for August; deliver by WJ

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

   Discussion: WJ - We will have to review July's financial report at the October Commission meeting

   All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

4. Chamber of Commerce Report, delivered by PM
   Sidewalk Sale was a success, the fashion show wasn’t a great success so the Chamber may use that energy into promoting the local businesses for that weekend. There was a successful joint mixer with the Logan Square Chamber held at I.D. in July and another well attended mixer at the
Frame Shop for the August mixer. The Women’s monthly mixer are starting up again after the summer off with the first fall mixer at NK Dental. The Wicker Park Farmers Market will be moving indoors for the first season this year. It will begin December 1st at Chop Shop through April 27th on Saturdays. The holiday party will also be held at Chop Shop to kick off our indoor market season. The Chamber has been discussing sponsorship opportunities with Cars2Go and other creative ways to promote Shop Local Saturdays with surrounding neighborhoods.

5. Program Manager Report, delivered by GK
The orange planters will be replaced with Fall flowers the first week of October. The SSA is looking to extend CleanSlate After Dark program for liter abatement. The RFP for the Window Works is live on the website. The WPB Ambassador program launched in July, it started off with more walks but has lost some steam. AH and GK will be doing outreach for more businesses to participate. Hebru Brantley returned to 1401 N Milwaukee (Wood/Wolcott/Milwaukee intersection) to paint a new mural that the city’s graffiti blasters painted over. The transportation committee’s wayfinding project is moving forward with kiosks. They have been approved by CDOT and are still awaiting approval for the flags.

6. Report of Committees

   a. Executive, delivered by DG

   Motion 1: On behalf of the Arts Committee, to approve spending not to exceed $1,000 from line item 2.06 (public art) to recut and line the tree planter next to Worker Cottage. This will be performed by David Douglas.

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

   All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

   Motion 2: On behalf of the Arts Committee, to approve spending not to exceed $12,400 from line item 2.06 (public art) to Mike Helbing for the additional rendering, labor and materials for Wicker Tree.

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

   Discussion: BN suggests GH and AH check in with Mike Helbing regarding the price increase from his initial invoice from July 2018. GK and AH will bring a detailed report of all payments made to both Lynn Basa and Mike Helbing to the Arts Committee on September 25th, 2018.

   All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

   Motion 3: On behalf of the Arts Committee, to approve spending not to exceed $10,000 from line item 2.06 (public art) to reimburse the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce for funding Hebru Brantley’s mural at the Milwaukee/Wood/Wolcott intersection.
Motion to approve made by: DG; Seconded by: BN
Discussion: The process of this payment is unclear. JH- if Hebru Brantley was willing to paint this mural for the costs of materials, where did the $10,000 payment come from? BN- Brantley’s murals usually cost much more than this but since it was one of his original pieces in Chicago, he was willing to do it for almost no pay. DG- The Arts Committee is willing to cover this since it has been such a positive and relevant project considering the issues arising with the city’s graffiti blasters.

DG, BN, WJ in favor, JH abstains

Motion 4: On behalf of the Arts Committee, to approve spending not to exceed $40,000 from line item 2.06 (public art) to restore the historic fountain in Wicker Park.

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

Discussion: DW- If this is passed, the Park District needs to be held accountable and use the proper cleaning materials to preserve the fountain. The calla lilies may cost more to restore since more have been broken off since the original bid in 2017.

All in favor, no opposition, no abstentions

Motion 5: On behalf of the Clean and Green Committee, to approve spending not to exceed $38,000 from line item 1.06 (holiday decorations) for the installation, maintenance, and removal of Snow Flakes within the SSA #33. This service will be provided by HAP and emergency services will be provided by Chicago Event Graphics.

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

Discussion: JH-Is there a reason we are using HAP again? WJ-We would have to pay for the snowflakes, or other decorations, through another company if we were to change contractors.

All in favor, no opposition, no abstentions

Motion 6: To approve spending not to exceed $2,000 from line item 1.10 (community grants) to fund Silent Theatre’s “Wild Party Variety Hour” to take place on October 26-27, 2018 at the Den Theatre.

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

Discussion: RD asks the GK and AH bring a copy of the community grant applications to the future commission meetings for reference.

All in favor, no opposition, no abstentions
Motion 7: To approve spending not to exceed $1,950 from line item 1.10 (community grants) to fund WPBCC’s “Chill Fest” to take place on November 24, 2018.

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

All in favor, no opposition, no abstentions

Motion 8: To approve spending not to exceed $5,000 from line item 1.10 (community grants) to fund WPAC’s “Boo-Palooza” to take place on October 27, 2018 (rain date October 28) in Wicker Park.

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

All in favor, no oppositions, no abstentions

Motion 9: To approve spending not to exceed $5,000 from line item 1.10 (community grants) for Chopin Theatre’s “Made in Wicker Park” event to be held on October 28 - 29, 2018.

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

All in favor, no oppositions, no abstentions

7. Questions & Announcements (5 minutes)

Nominations for Chair and Secretary are open for 2019. Nominations will begin in November.

Lela asked about the status of businesses and organizations who produce larger scales of events – will the commission consider opening up additional funding for those who produce more events than smaller businesses that are allotted the same amount?

JH – Do we have access of the videographer’s footage from Wicker Park Fest yet? PM- They are sending it to us within the next few weeks.

8. Adjournment Motion

Adjournment at 8:40

Motion to approve made by: WJ; Seconded by: BN
Passes unanimously