

## Arts Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9:05 AM – 10:45 AM

Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce – 1414 N Ashland Ave.

*In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Sam Marts (voting member), Alma Weiser (voting member), Dan Murphy (voting member), Charlie Rees (voting member)*

*Staff: Alice Howe (Program Specialist), Garrett Karp (Program Manager), Jordan Miller (Social Media and Arts Admin)*

1. Jordan's WPB Arts Report
  - a. Jordan presented the updated public art map, including all sculptures, murals (present and old).
  - b. He has submitted all current WPB murals to the City's new mural registry and have received approval. They will be sending signs for them soon.
  
2. Wicker Park Fountain Restoration
  - a. Restoration is complete with final touches scheduled for this week
  - b. The Ribbon Cutting will be held on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. David Ginople will be saying a few words on behalf of the SSA. Alderman LaSpata and representatives from Park District.
  
3. Artwork Plaques
  - a. 5 plaques for public art installations are on the way in the coming weeks
  - b. The committee would like to see Worker Cottage's plaque be installed somewhere other than on the bench.
  
4. Wicker Tree Art Installation Repairs
  - a. Mike Helbing is continuing to work on the canopy (which has been removed)
  - b. The committee discussed timeline and options going forward for short-term and longterm upkeep.
  - c. Park District would like to be kept in the loop on all discussions taking places.
  
5. Wicker Park Fest Arts Area
  - a. The committee reflected on the 3 art installations at WPF 2019
  - b. DG, SM, AW and others brainstormed ways to solicit broader and more diverse options for next year
  - c. GK observed that all 2019 selects were very abstract and that the committee might want to consider choosing a few specific guidelines or categories that might focus this area in the future
  - d. SM brought up the possibility of using WPF Arts funding on installations intended to promote the festival from outside of festival grounds

## 6. Mural Program

- a. Yeti has chosen David Heo for their mural that will be seen from the CTA Blue Line and should begin soon.
- b. "Monument" at Wicker Park Athletic Club has been heavily tagged. It is irreparable in its current state. The artist has expressed interest in returning to do another piece.
- c. Ali Six is interested in returning to re-paint the mural along the CTA embankment next to Walgreens (Wolcott/Milwaukee)
  - i. Arts Committee would like staff to work with 1<sup>st</sup> Ward office on securing funding and approval
  - ii. This will likely be a 2020 project based on timeline and budgeting