

Arts Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 27th, 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 8th 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 1st Ward office on securing funding and approval
 - ii. This will likely be a 2020 project based on timeline and budgeting