

**WPB SSA #33 Commission Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, September 20th, 2023 – 7:05 PM to 8:38 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting – Hosted via Zoom**

Attendance:

Marcy Huttas (MH)  
David Ginople (DG)  
Wayne Janik (WJ)

Guests – Laura Botwinick (SoNa -- Commissioners Applicant), Adam Silverstein (Garfield's Beverage – Commissioner Applicant), Kristin Drutchas (Guest-WPAC Dog Park Board Member)

Staff – Alice Howe (SSA Program Manager), Pamela Maass (WPBCC Executive Director), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

- 1) Call to Order at 7:05 PM
- 2) Review of July Commission Minutes

*WJ motions. DG seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

- 3) July Financial Report

a) *Not all Commission members were able to access the July Bookkeeper's Report, so its approval was tabled until next Commission.*

- 4) August Financial Report

*WJ motions. DG seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

- 5) Chamber Report; delivered by PM

- 6) Program Manager Report; delivered by AH

- 7) Dog Park Renovation Discussion on behalf of WPAC, delivered by KD

a) *The Commission clarified that any request for donation would have to be applied to a specific aspect of the park (i.e. boulder structure, proposed runway, etc.) CB said she would return with a specific monetary ask and the aspect of the park it would be applied to.*

- 8) H2 Public Relations 2023-2024 Contract Renewal

**Motion 1:** The Commission moves to renew their 2023-2024 contract with PR firm, H2 Publications, to be split with the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, not to exceed **\$21,000** from line item **1.09 (PR/Media Relations)**. (23-0908)

*WJ motions. MH seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

9) Motions

**Motion 2:** The Marketing & Business Development Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$8,000** from line item **1.05 (Decorative Banners)** for the new printing and installation of holiday banners by Chicago Event Graphic. (23-0901)

*MH motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

**Motion 3:** The Marketing & Business Development Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$8,000** from line item **1.06 (Holiday Decorations)** for the procurement and installation of a live holiday tree, base, and lighting by Christy Webber in Wicker Park. (23-0902)

*MH motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

*Discussion: DG confirmed that the cost would include the tree, base, and white lights to be strung up. WJ proposed planting a tree in the park next year, that we can expect to grow over the next 5-10 years, so we can recurrently use one planted tree as the holiday tree, instead of cutting down a new one every year. The Commission approved of this idea and wanted to revisit it next year.*

**Motion 4:** The Marketing & Business Development Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$31,000** from line item **1.06 (Holiday Decorations)** for the development and replacement of the light installations by Illuminight on the 606 platform at Damen Ave. (23-0903)

*MH motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

*Discussion: WJ was concerned that the new light design would not be approved by the Parks District, as he stated it seemed "like an ad." DG and LB did not approve of the current design, and MH assured the Commission that they would revisit the design with Illuminight to provide a more agreeable layout at the same price. AH will confirm Park District agreement before the next Commission meeting.*

**Motion 5:** The Marketing & Business Development Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$30,000** from line item **1.06 (Holiday Decorations)** for the installation of the neighborhood snowflake displays by Illuminight. (23-0904)

*MH motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

*Discussion: DG reminded the Commission that CDOT has installed new poles within the SSA boundaries, and to make sure we have the right number and proper equipment to hang snow flakes from them. WJ recommended reaching out to Elston Materials or the closed bank near Elston for trailer storage.*

**Motion 6:** The Marketing & Business Development Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,750** from line item **1.07 (Print Materials)** for the printing of 5,000 neighborhood guides for 2024 Wicker Park Bucktown Neighborhood Guides for WPBCC from Town Square Publishing. (23-0905)

*MH motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

*Discussion: Commission recommended to amend the motion to read “5,000 neighborhood guides for 2024...” instead of “additional copies...”*

**Motion 7:** The Arts Committee motions to approve funding not to exceed **\$10,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** of the 2024 budget year to purchase the Transmigration sculpture from artist Jyl Bonaguro. (23-0906)

*MH motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

*Discussion: DG explained that the statue was rented for WPF 2023 Arts Area, would likely be installed in Metzger Court, and is guaranteed to survive the elements for at least 5 years. MH and WJ expressed concern for its ability to be coated and preserved, which DG assuaged in the next motion.*

**Motion 8:** The Arts Committee motions to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** for the purchase of anti-graffiti clear-coat; covering the cost of the Brantley mural as well as additional supplies for other artists and SSA-sponsored murals in the neighborhood. (23-0907)

*MH motions. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

*Discussion: Commission agreed to utilize the \$5,000 as needed to maintain community art, including materials and additional service.*

#### 10) New Business

- a) DG mentioned the new trash cans installed within West Town SSA boundaries, expressing interest in allocating funds to replace SSA #33 trash cans. AH explained the major cost that would entail, and reminded Commission that 6 trash cans on North Ave. were recently replaced for a much smaller price.
- b) WJ informed the Commission that Bartlett Tree Services will be providing a list of the endangered ash trees within the SSA boundaries, and recommend their replacement.

#### 11) Adjournment Motion at 8:38 PM

*WJ motions. MH seconds. All in favor. **Meeting Adjourned.***