

Arts Committee

Tuesday, March 5th, 2023 – 9am-10:30am

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Sabrina Alicea (Voting Member), Laura Botwinick (Commissioner Applicant), Sam Marts (Voting Member)

Guests: Victoria Fuller (Local Artist), Shelby Pollard (Black Bobbin)

Staff: Jordan Miller (Arts Administrator), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Motion 1: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$2,500** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** for the purchase of paint, anti-graffiti supplies, and labor costs for CZR PRZ to refurbish the Asherah Banquet mural at 2013 W North Ave.

(24-0303)

*SM recommends. DG seconds. All ayes. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 2: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed \$15,000 from line item 2.06 (Public Art) to fund installations for the Arts Area at the 2024 Wicker Park Fest. (23-0304)

Discussion: In previous years, the committee motioned \$10,000 for 2 installations, but due to the significance of the Fest's 20th anniversary, DG recommended an increase in funds to include more artists. JM also clarified that the installations would likely be works from artists that previously had been featured and beloved in the WPF Arts Area. Committee also clarified that the amount of funding allocated per each installation would be flexible within the \$15,000 limit.

*SM recommends. LB seconds. All ayes. **Recommendation passes.***

In Progress

1. Chicago Sculpture Exhibit 2024
 - a. Virtual Jury voting closes 3/6, with installation to follow shortly.
2. Green Star Mosaic Mural
 - a. Green Star will be proposing some design ideas based off the community feedback they received at the Farmers Market last month, with aims to begin installation in April or May.
3. *Transmigration* Installation
 - a. Installation pending to be done in tandem with CSE, likely May.

- b. Potential lighting opportunities depending on Metzger Court enhancements this year.
- 4. Gallery Walk
 - a. Committee discussed expanding the Gallery Walk in WPB to include West Town's First Friday gallery program
 - i. LS discussed the meeting he and AH held with West Town last year, concerning expanding their existing map to include any galleries that wish to participate in the walk. Hopefully able to launch the larger map in late summer or early fall.
 - b. DG wanted staff to investigate the legality of co-sponsoring a community event with another SSA, and what resources the SSA would be able to help fund when crossing over to another SSA's boundaries.
 - c. Committee vocalized interest in launching a sub-committee to specifically curate the Gallery Walk going forward.

Looking Forward

- 1. EXPO Art Week
 - a. Special boosts for the WPB Arts Guide during Art Week (4/8-4/14)
- 2. National Mural Day
 - a. On May 7th, CZR PRZ and Green Star will likely be working in the neighborhood, so committee discussed holding artists talks to celebrate the art of mural painting.
 - b. JM proposed a permission wall in Metzger Court to 3 or 4 local street artists to put together a large work on the actual day.
 - i. Would require permission from the vacant building owner.
- 3. *You Are Beautiful* Touch-Ups
 - a. JM will contact artist Matt Hoffman to see what the quote would be for a formal refurbishment of the installation.
 - b. LS confirmed that Cleanslate had been informed to clean up the area up to the fence line to further maintain the space.
- 4. New website launch in April
 - a. New QR codes will be used for W.A.G.E. promotion, etc.

Next Meeting – May 7th