

Arts Committee

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 – 9am-11am

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Carron Little (Voting Member), Laura Botwinick (Commissioner), Sam Marts (Voting Member)

Guests: Kristin Rydholm (Local Artist)

Staff: Alice Howe (SSA Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Motion 1: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$10,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund additional installations for the Arts Area at the 2024 Wicker Park Fest. (24-0501)

Discussion: The Committee considered the artist proposals that were submitted for the 2024 WPF Arts Area RFP, and decided on four activations: Sarah Goone, Erica Gressman, Gillian Butcher, and Dan Eller’s proposals, depending on the Commission’s willingness to increase Arts Area funding. The pre-allocated total is \$15,000, requiring an additional \$10k to cover a larger activation for the 20th Anniversary of WPF.

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

Motion 2: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$2,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund the additional purchase of anti-graffiti film paint. (23-0502)

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

In Progress

1. Arts Administration Future
 - The Committee discussed the decision to stop allocating funding for an Arts Administration position, and will be providing SSA staff with recommendations on how to properly promote Art in WPB going forward, such as creating a dedicated Arts section in the WPBCC events newsletter and creating a physical Arts Guide for distribution, along with relaunching an Art Walk.

Next Meeting – June 4th