

WPB SSA #33 Commission Meeting Minutes (Audit Review)
Monday, April 22nd, 2024 – 9:05 AM to 9:51 AM
Hybrid Meeting Hosted at 1414 N Ashland Ave and via Zoom

Attendance:

Wayne Janik (WJ)

Marcy Huttas (MH)

Ginna Ryan (GR)

Laura Botwinick (LB)

David Ginople (DG) (Virtual)

Guests – Cary Hall (Managing Partner, Cary J. Hall & Associates)

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

1) Call to Order at 9:05 AM

2) Audit Review

Motion 1: The Commission moves to approve the tax audit provided by Cary J. Hall & Associates, CPA for the 2024 fiscal year. (25-0418)

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

3) Motions for Commission

Motion 1: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve additional funding not to exceed **\$2,500** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund programming efforts for the 2025 Wicker Park Farmers Market Outdoor Season (25-0417)

Discussion: MH clarified that the original \$2,500 grant approved for WPFM was exclusively for marketing efforts, and upon receiving further clarification that the grant request was also for free public fitness classes in the park every Sunday, the Commission decided to approve the additional grant, with the amendment to the motion of “programming efforts” instead of “marketing efforts.”

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

Motion 2: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund artist, speaker, and educator stipends for the Golden Palette senior arts engagement program by One Strange Bird (25-0411).

Discussion: GR stated that the Commission would be requiring clarification from One Strange Bird of which senior facilities they would be working with for the program.

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

Motion 3: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund supplies & materials, food items and promotional graphics, for the Paws & Portrait fundraising event by Yardsale Chicago (25-0413).

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

Motion 4: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund free art courses and community events in 2025 at LMN Wedge Studio (25-0414)

Discussion: AH specified that this program would engage the Flat Iron Arts Building and encourage free artistic enrichment in Wicker Park Bucktown.

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

4) Tabled or Rejected Motions

Motion 5: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for marketing, supplies, and stipends for Indie Row Bucktown's 2025 programming schedule (25-0406).

Discussion: After noticing a few errors in the grant application, including budgetary discrepancies and non-descript budgets for each planned event, and not receiving clarification from Indie Row Bucktown, the Commission decided to table this motion until May's meeting.

*MH motions to table the grant application until May. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion to table passes.***

Motion 6: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for the Vintage Summer Market series from Windy City Market (25-0404).

Discussion: The Commission decided that, due to the for-profit nature of the application, as well as the market servicing vintage sellers from outside of the neighborhood that could likely take business away from local brick-and-mortar vintage sellers, the grant application will be rejected.

*MH motions to reject the grant application. WJ seconds. All in favor. **Motion fails.***

5) Adjournment Motion at 9:51 AM

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