

Arts Committee

Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 – 9:00am-10:00am
Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Kristin Rydholm (Voting Member), Laura Botwinick (Voting Member)

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

Recommendations

Motion 1: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$30,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** for two artist stipends, including the design, installation, and anti-graffiti protection, of the "Welcome to Wicker Park" Mural (1501 N Milwaukee Ave) and "Welcome to Bucktown" Mural (1945 N Damen Ave). (25-0702)

Updates

1. "Welcome to Wicker Park" and "Welcome to Bucktown" Murals
 - a. The Committee agreed to hold off on final approval of the "Welcome to Bucktown" Mural submissions until reviewing all of the "Welcome to Wicker Park" submissions to make sure that they are complementary. The Arts Committee will reconvene at the end of July to decide both mural artists.
2. First Fridays
 - a. The Student Art Series will return when school is back in session, either September or October and extending through the school year.
3. Transmigration Sculpture
 - a. The Committee discussed the removal and status of the Transmigration sculpture in Mautene Court Plaza. DG argued that the sculpture should be repaired and recreated with sturdier material. AH will inquire with the Executive Director of the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit to see what materials come recommended for longevity.
4. "Welcome to Bucktown" Mural Deliberation
 - a. After reviewing the 44 submissions for the "Welcome to Bucktown" Mural, the Committee decided on 3 finalists, which will be taken to Commission on 7/8 and shared with the Bucktown Community Organization. The Committee also discussed the condition of the wall, agreeing that the

property owner will be contacted to see if he has any intention to fix the tuckpointing. If not, the mural will be painted on a board that will be placed on the wall.

Next Meeting – TBD