

WPB SSA #33 Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 – 6:38 PM to 7:42 PM
Hybrid Meeting Hosted at 1425 N Damen Ave and via Zoom

Attendance:

Wayne Janik (WJ)
David Ginople (DG)
Laura Botwinick (LB)
Dominika Hertsberg (DH)
Marcy Huttas (MH)

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

Guests – Amanda Kezios (Mojo Spa), Rebecca Cadena (Redefined Restoration), Bree Flammini (Screams Everything Studio), Andrew Jarvis (Screams Everything Studio), Kevin Sofen (Scoop the Poop)

- 1) Call to Order at 6:38 PM
- 2) Review of May Minutes

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

- 3) Review of May Financial Report

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

- 4) Executive Director Report, delivered by PM
- 5) Program Manager Report, delivered by AH

DG discussed the future status of the “Transmigration” sculpture in Mautene Court Plaza, as the wood material is currently rotting and could become a hazard. After debating the merits of its disposal, replacement, or relocation, and after an informal vote, the Commission recommended to remove the sculpture for the time being and request a quote from the artist to repair it with sturdier material and place it back in Mautene Court Plaza.

- 6) Outreach & Engagement Report, delivered by LSi
- 7) Motions for Commission

Motion 1: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$62,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for Bartlett Tree Experts to perform annual pruning, maintenance, and inventory. (25-0604)

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

Motions from Committees

Motion 2: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.02 (Special Events)** for WPBCC's Wicker Park Fest to assist in funding marketing expenses. (25-0601)

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

Motion 3: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for Bucktown Community Organization's Garden Walk to assist in funding artist stipends and marketing expenses. (25-0602)

Discussion: AH clarified that BCO had forgotten to submit the grant in the previous year, but the Commission has approved this grant in years past.

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

Motion 4: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for Round Two's Back to School Drive to assist in funding marketing, supplies, and stipend expenses. (25-0603)

Discussion: The Commission was skeptical of the event's impact on the immediate community, and LB recommended that the event be shared with local schools and the 1st Ward office to make sure it most directly impacts WPB.

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

8) Additional Comments

- a) WJ remarked that the orange planters had been repainted, but that they did not quite cover the graffiti beneath, recommending a second coat
- b) WJ also revisited EcoFest, a Special Events initiative that SSA 33 used to manage, and requested that the committees and Commission revisit the idea for future activation to better focus on sustainability.

9) Adjournment Motion at 7:42 PM

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

Next Meeting – July 8th