

## **Arts Committee**

Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 – 9:00am-10:15am  
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 **\$10,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund a mural under the 606 overpass on Western Ave. (25-0901)

**Motion 2:** The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund artist and musician stipends at the remaining Meet Me on Milwaukee events (\$2,500 each on September 28<sup>th</sup> & October 26<sup>th</sup>). (25-0902)

**Motion 3:** The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$3,700** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund a vinyl mural printing and installation at Chopin Theatre (1543 W Division St). (25-0903)

### **Updates**

1. “Welcome to Wicker Park” Mural
  - a. AH shared the newest design approved by Round Two Vintage, and the Committee requested that the artist provide another version of the design that includes more Wicker Park landmarks (Polish Triangle, neighborhood buildings, etc.). They also requested that the artist eliminate the “Welcome To” text and have it just read “Wicker Park.” AH and LS will reach out to the artist to make the adjustments.
2. Friends of the 606 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mural
  - a. AH shared a request from the Friends of the 606 to fund a mural at either the Western or Damen underpass of the 606, and the Committee recommended it for the Western location. AH and LS will acquire final mural designs from the two interested artists and submit them to the Committee for final recommendation.

3. Meet Me on Milwaukee Artist Programming
  - a. The Committee recommended to provide funding for artists to perform and develop public art during the Meet Me on Milwaukee event days of September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>. Some ideas included live music, painting pedestrian walkways, imbedding mosaics in the road or sidewalks, and sidewalk chalk.
4. First Fridays
  - a. Committee discussed more signage to promote First Fridays throughout the neighborhood, including flags, A-frames, or sidewalk vinyl signs at each participating business. AH also discussed making bandanas to be distributed, designed for First Fridays or WPB Arts in general. The committee tasked AH and LS with developing an artist RFP and getting a quote from a printer.

## **Looking Ahead**

1. Arts Guide RFP
  - a. A 2026 Arts Guide design RFP will be released by the end of October.
2. Welcome Sculpture at Cortland/Ashland
  - a. KR informed the committee that new trees were just planted in this location, so sculpture recommendations would have to consider the changes to the space.
3. 1924 W North Ave Painted Benches
  - a. KR recommended asking the owners of the bakery at 1924 W North Ave if SSA #33 could hire an artist to paint the standing benches outside of their establishment to add a pop of color.

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