

## **Arts Committee**

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 – 9:00am-10:00am

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

***In attendance:*** David Ginople (Chair), Kristin Rydholm (Voting Member), Sam Marts (Voting Member)

***Guests:*** Bree Flammini (Screams Everything Studio), Jaclyn Whitehair (Ops in Order), Andrew Jarvis (Screams Everything Studio)

***Staff:*** Alice Howe (SSA #33 Program Director), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

### **Recommendations**

**Motion 1:** The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund stipends for musical artists performing in the public way during First Friday events throughout 2026 (26-0203)

*Discussion: The Committee discussed different locations and promotions for the music in the warmer months, such as in front of the Flat Iron, with proper signage and tabling to keep people informed about the event.*

*SM recommends. DG seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

**Motion 2:** The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$3,500** from line item **1.07 (Print Materials)** to fund the design and printing of bandanas promoting First Fridays, to be handed out at First Fridays and other SSA events (26-0204)

*Discussion: The Committee discussed using the new poster design to inspire the bandana design, and use a local producer to print the bandanas, to then be handed out at First Friday activations.*

*SM recommends. DG seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

### **Updates**

1. 2026 WPB Arts Guide
  - a. AH and LS will be meeting with designer Nina Castilla-D'Angier next week to discuss Arts Guide needs and timeline. Committee will schedule a

special meeting before next scheduled meeting (May 5<sup>th</sup>) to discuss final Arts Guide design and launch party.

2. CSE 2026
  - a. AH confirmed that the Commission approved 11 sculptures at \$44,000 to be placed throughout the neighborhood. CSE has not sent eligible locations yet.
3. Metzger Court Redesign & Sculpture
  - a. Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss this larger project, with some representation from the Arts committee to share their thoughts. The Committee discussed the potential sculptures or public artworks, like mosaics, that could be included in the redesign.
4. Cortland/Ashland Arch Sculpture
  - a. LS will be releasing an RFP in the next few weeks to be shared publicly to install a sculpture at this location. DG recommended assessing the location to see if additional concrete leveling would be required.
5. Utility Box Murals
  - a. LS will release an RFP for utility box artwork by the May Arts Committee meeting, and the committee reinforced the need to use anti-graffiti paint.
6. First Friday Marketing
  - a. The Committee discussed different vendors that could print shirts or bandanas affordably for the program, as well as what artistry to emphasize in this physical marketing.

## Looking Ahead

1. 606 Mural @ Western Ave
  - a. AH clarified that the mural at this location would be repropoed in May to the Bloomingdale Trail team.
2. Bench Touch-up @ 1924 W North Ave
  - a. The Committee proposed something simple, such as painting the benches blue to mimic the other SSA benches in the area, with SSA branding below.
3. First Friday Expansion efforts
  - a. The Committee discussed activating empty storefronts to show short films to promote local artists and brighten up the neighborhood during these events to draw more attention to participating spaces on First Friday.

Next Meeting – May 5th