

**WPB SSA #33 Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 – 6:34 PM to 7:20 PM
Hybrid Meeting Hosted at 1425 N Damen Ave**

Attendance:

Ginna Ryan (GR)
Wayne Janik (WJ)
Marcy Huttas (MH)
Laura Botwinick (LB)
Dominika Hertsberg (DH) *Virtual
David Ginople (DG)

Staff – Alice Howe (SSA Program Manager), Pamela Maass (WPBCC President & CEO), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator), Lindsay Siebert (Outreach & Engagement)

Guests – Brian Harrington (Resident), Amanda Kezios (Mojo Spa), Susan Fontana (WPAC)

- 1) Call to Order at 6:34 PM
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Approval of the February Agenda

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

- 4) Review of January Minutes & February Special Minutes

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

- 5) Review of January Financial Reports

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

- 6) President & CEO Report, delivered by PM

- 7) Program Director Report, delivered by AH

a) *WJ makes a not to make sure that the CSE sculpture to be installed at LaSalle will have a stable foundation before installation.*

- 8) Outreach & Engagement Report, delivered by LiSi

- 9) Executive Nominations

*WJ motions to open nominations. LB seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

*WJ motions to table nominations. LB seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.***

10) Motions for Commission

Motion 1: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$150,000** of funding from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** for the installation of an irrigation system in the Wicker Park Gardens, contingent on a presentation by the Wicker Park Advisory Council in January 2026 and that the Wicker Park Advisory Council will install a bronze plaque within Wicker Park, which acknowledges the donation of the system from SSA #33. (25-1202)

Discussion: SF confirmed that she would work with WPAC and the Wicker Park District to find a suitable place for the plaque.

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

Motion 2: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$17,000** from line item **4.06 (Strategic Planning)** to contract Lindsay Siebert for outreach, canvassing, and recruitment efforts within SSA #33 for 10 hours/week for the remainder of 2026 (26-0208)

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

Motion 3: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **5.03 (Security Patrol Services)** for Round Two Vintage (1501 N Milwaukee Ave - Retailer) to fund security patrol services (26-0205)

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

Motion 4: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$3,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund materials and marketing efforts for Garbage Gal's 2026 programming schedule (26-0206)

Discussion: AH provided an update of the Garbage Gal's proposed budget, making them eligible for up to \$3,000 worth of community grant funds. DG moved to amend the motion to be for \$3,000.

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

Motion 5: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$3,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to fund the placement of a boulder from Christy Webber Landscapes at the intersection of Wood/North as a traffic safety precaution. (26-0207)

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

11) Motions from Committee

Motion 6: 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: WJ requested confirmation that all performances would be properly permitted.

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

Motion 7: 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)

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

Motion 8: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 3.04 (Bicycle Transit Enhancements) to fund the purchase of 2 bicycle Fix-It stations and 2 bicycle pumps from Dero to be installed at Walsh Park and Park 567. (26-0202)

Discussion: AH clarified that the new order and installation of these stations would leave us with one extra bike pump to act as a replacement in the case of future damage.

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

12) Adjournment Motion at 7:20 PM

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

Next Meeting – March 18th