

WPB SSA #33 Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 – 6:35 PM to 7:38 PM
Hybrid Meeting Hosted at 1425 N Damen Ave and via Zoom

Attendance:

Ginna Ryan (GR)
Wayne Janik (WJ)
Marcy Huttas (MH)
Dominika Hertsberg (DH)
David Ginopple (DG)

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

Guests – Corey Cohn (RFP Applicant), Cyprus Toomey (Resident), Amanda Kezios (Mojo Spa), Susan Fontana (WPAC)

- 1) Call to Order at 6:35 PM
- 2) Public Comment
 - a) *CT discussed her petitioning campaign to combat significant People's Gas rate hikes for mass infrastructural projects, instead requesting for them to focus on pockets of system construction that require the most immediate attention.*
- 3) Review of November Minutes & December Special Minutes

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

- 4) Review of November & December Financial Reports

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

- 5) Executive Director Report, delivered by PM
- 6) Program Manager Report, delivered by AH
 - a) *Commission discussed the complaints about snow removal services this season, and they opted to schedule an Executive Committee meeting to decide on snow removal protocol going forward.*
- 7) Outreach & Engagement Report, delivered by LiSi

8) Wicker Park Gardens – Irrigation Request Follow-up

- a) *Susan Fontana presented her information concerning the Wicker Park Irrigation System Installation to be potentially funded by SSA #33. The Commission agreed to fund the program once a program is formally introduced in February's Agenda.*

9) 2026 Outreach & Engagement Contractor RFP

- a) *Corey Cohn gave a brief introduction of his experience and qualifications for a role in SSA #33's Reconstitution. Due to timing constraints, the Outreach & Engagement Contractor Role will be voted on in February.*

10) Motions for Commission

Motion 1: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$4,000** from line item **1.07 (Print Materials)** to fund the WPB Arts Guide design for galleries and artistic businesses within WPB SSA 33's boundaries. (26-0103)

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

Motion 2: The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$44,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund eleven (11) CSE sculptures to be sponsored and installed within the SSA #33 boundaries. (26-0104)

Discussion: WJ requested to amend the original motion to “\$44,000” to fund “eleven (11)” sculptures, to include a sculpture in the newly accessible La Salle Garden.

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

Motion 3: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$24,000** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to fund an annual contract for Ryan Mirkes to monitor and refill rat birth control containers within the SSA #33 rat birth control pilot program boundaries. (26-0101)

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

Motion 4: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$7,300** from line item **2.02 (Landscaping)** to fund an annual contract for Christy Webber Landscaping to monitor and refill rat birth control pellets within SSA #33 landscaping beds and tree pits. (26-0102)

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

Motion 5: The Marketing & Business Development Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$6,000** from line item **1.02 (Special Events)** to fund legacy business clings, trophies, catering, and programming for the 2026 Legacy Business Awards Ceremony on May 13th (26-0106).

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

11) Adjournment Motion at 7:38 PM

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

Next Meeting – February 18th