

WPB SSA #33 Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 7th, 2026 – 6:39 PM to 7:26 PM
Meeting Hosted at 1414 N Ashland Ave & Via Zoom

Attendance:

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

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

1) Call to Order at 6:39 PM

2) Approval of the July Agenda

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

3) Review of June Minutes

*WJ motions. LB seconds. WJ, MH, DH, LB in favor. DG abstains. **Motion passes.***

4) Review of June Financial Reports

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

5) President & CEO Report, delivered by PM

6) Program Director Report, delivered by AH

a) *WJ requested that LS design and print an annual postcard, mapping out the yearly Chicago Sculpture Exhibit locations within SSA #33.*

7) Outreach & Engagement Report, delivered by LiSi

a) *Commission requested that LiSi begin including the proposed expanded areas in the Reconstitution outreach going forward, including: the 1700 block of Cortland St, Armitage Ave, and Damen Ave between Division St and Wicker Park.*

8) 2027 Budget & Service Provider Approval

Motion 1: The Commission moves to approve the 2027 budget in the amount of \$1,940,985.

Commission discussed the increase of 4.69% increase in budget, clarifying that any increase over 5% would require additional public discussion.

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

Motion 2: The Commission moves to approve the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce as SSA #33's Service Provider for 2027.

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

9) Motions for Commission

Motion 3: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.02 (Special Events)** for WPBCC's Wicker Park Fest (July 24-26, 2026) to assist in funding marketing expenses. (26-0706)

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

Motion 4: The Commission moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,100** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for WPBCC's Wicker Park Fest Vintage Fashion Show (July 26th) to assist in funding stipends for musicians and models. (26-0707)

Discussion: After confirming that WPBCC would be providing the remaining proposed \$4,400 budgeted for the Vintage Fashion Show, the Commission decided to approve.

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

10) Motions from Committee

Motion 5: The Clean, Green & Transportation Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$103,000** from line item **2.11 (Sidewalk Snow Removal)** to fund snow removal and plowing services of up to 40" of snow total along SSA #33 boundary sidewalks by Christy Webber Landscapes for the 2026-2027 winter season (26-0701)

Discussion: GR received an update from WJ as to why the Committee decided to reduce the snow limit from 48" to 40", specifically that Chicago received under 30" of snow the previous winter. WJ also confirmed that service would be available 24/7 and would involve plowing the sidewalks as soon as over 1" of snowfall was reported.

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

11) Adjournment Motion at 7:26 PM

*LB motions. MH seconds. MH, LB, GR, DH in favor. WH abstains **Meeting Adjourned.***

Next Meeting – September 16th

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