

## **Arts Committee**

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 – 9:00am-9:45am  
Virtual Meeting – Zoom

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

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

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

### **Recommendations**

**Motion 1:** The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$9,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund the installation of a mural at 2124 N Damen Ave (Door24 Wine) in memorial to artist Tony Fitzpatrick. (26-0605)

*Discussion: AH described the installation to the Committee, clarifying that the mural would be elevated and less susceptible to graffiti. The project will also be co-sponsored with the Bucktown Community Organization.*

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

**Motion 2:** The Arts Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$13,000** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund the installation of a mural at the Western Ave viaduct below the Bloomingdale Trail (26-0606)

*Discussion: AH discussed the project and the draft that was submitted for the mural in the previous year. This project will be co-sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail.*

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

### **Updates**

1. First Friday Arts Collective
  - a. John Shirk presented the development of a nonprofit organization to fundraise for the studios and artists that occupy the Flat Iron Arts Building. The Committee recommended developing a “Friends of the Flat Iron” fundraising body first, and to garner the support of a majority of the artists

occupying the studios currently to build a comprehensive plan on Flat Iron preservation.

2. 2026-2027 WPB Arts Guide
  - a. AH has sent the committee's feedback to designer Nina Castilla-D'Angier and can expect another draft in the next two weeks.
3. CSE 2026
  - a. All sculptures have been placed and photographed in the neighborhood, and they have been added to SSA #33's Public Art Map.
4. First Friday Marketing
  - a. LS confirmed that the bandanas have gone to print, and AJ and BF recommended a small edit, which LS will bring to the printer, Transit Tees. BF and AJ discussed launching a First Friday survey at the Flat Iron to find out how participants heard about the event.

## **Looking Ahead**

1. Utility Box Mural Series RFP
  - a. LS clarified that he is seeking aldermanic approval for the project, as recommended by the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce, who executed a similar project earlier this year.

Next Meeting – September 8<sup>th</sup>