

Arts Committee

Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 – 9:00am-10:00am
Virtual Meeting – Zoom

In attendance: David Ginople (Chair), Kristin Rydholm (Voting Member), Sam Marts (Voting Member), Laura Botwinick (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 **\$12,500** from line item **2.06 (Public Art)** to fund two installations for the 2026 Wicker Park Fest Arts Area: "Analog Arcade" by T2D2 Toys (\$10,000) and "Cat Museum" by Robin Mordini (\$2,500). (26-0504)

Discussion: The Committee reviewed the 8 submissions for the 2026 Wicker Park Fest Arts Area and confirmed our 2 finalists: "Analog Arcade" and "Cat Museum." Committee requested confirming a location for "Cat Museum" with Criterion to make sure it complements but does not get lost in the Pet Fest area of WPF.

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

Updates

1. 2026-2027 WPB Arts Guide
 - a. Designer Nina Castilla-D'Angier has submitted new designs and map drafts for the Committee to review, with any committee edits submitted by Friday, May 8th.
2. CSE 2026
 - a. AH confirmed that the previous year's sculptures would be removed in May and new sculptures would be installed in either May or June. The Committee brainstormed locations for the largest sculpture, "Gorilla" that would not require additional permitting.
3. First Friday Marketing

- a. AJ and BF discussed their marketing efforts in tandem with SSA #33 to grow awareness for the First Fridays arts walks. LS sent a “WPB” logo png for Andrew to use in future marketing efforts.

Looking Ahead

1. 606 Mural @ Western Ave
 - a. AH clarified that the mural at this location would be repropose in May to the Bloomingdale Trail team.
2. Tony Fitzpatrick Mural @ Door24 Wine
 - a. AH was in discussions with the owner of Door24 Wine, the previous location of artist Tony Fitzpatrick’s studio, who was seeking to install a memorial mural on their wall for Fitzpatrick with SSA support.
3. Utility Box Mural Series RFP
 - a. AH and LS will be working with the 1st and 32nd Ward Alderman office on permission for the utility box mural series, which will ideally be installed at 4 major intersections throughout the neighborhood.

Next Meeting – June 9th