

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

WEST CHICAGO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, September 5, 2024

West Chicago City Hall – 475 Main Street

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Participation
 - a. Giovanni Arellano: Downtown Mural Project
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting: August 1, 2024
4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. *2024 Art Banner Exhibit*: People's Choice Award Winner & Schedule
 - b. Public Arts Master Plan: Community Survey
5. Other Business
 - a. *2025 Art Banner Exhibit*: Juror Selection
 - b. *2024 Loteria*: Status & Timeline
 - c. Public Art Project Guidelines: Draft II Review
 - d. FY2025 Budget Requests
 - i. Art Banner Exhibit 2025
 - ii. Loteria 2025
 - iii. Public Art Signage: *Forever Lily* Replacement & Juan Chawuk Mural
 - iv. College of DuPage: *Ukiyo-e: Floating World Exhibit*
6. Adjournment

CC: Mayor Ruben Pineda, City Council, Michael Guttman, West Chicago Cultural Arts Commissioners, Media, Daniel Peck



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DRAFT CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, August 1, 2024

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7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Kuharich called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Roll Call found Commissioners Garcia, Gsedl, and Walsh present. Commissioners Hernandez, Plumlee, and Treudt were absent. Also in attendance was Marketing and Communications Manager Daniel Peck.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2024

Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gsedl, to approve the minutes of June 6, 2024. Voting Aye: Chairman Kuharich and Commissioner Garcia. Motion Carried.

4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

None.

5. Other Business

- a) *2024 Art Banner Exhibit Status:* Commissioners reviewed the status of the 2024 Art Banner Exhibit and requested increased promotion during the final weeks. Manager Peck noted that adding street pole banner brackets for promotional signage would need to be included in the FY2025 budget requests.
- b) *2025 Art Banner Exhibit Status:* Commissioners discussed potential 2025 Art Banner Exhibit jurors.
- c) *2024 Loteria Status:* Commissioners discussed the 2024 Loteria initiative, with Commissioner Garcia noting that two artists have been selected to create four new pieces. Manager Peck suggested reusing the previous webpage and adding a form for participants to submit their completed boards.
- d) *Public Mural Guidelines:* Manager Peck informed Commissioners about a series of public murals by artist Giovanni Arellano being installed in the downtown area. Along with this, Peck introduced a set of draft guidelines for the installation of murals in the City, asking Commissioners to review and provide feedback to himself and Chairman Kuharich by August 9th.
- e) *Forever Lily/Public Art Signage:* Commissioners discussed adding new signage for the Forever Lily artwork at 137 Turner Court, as the previous signage was removed by the new building owner. The conversation also covered signage for other public artworks, including the murals at 516 Main Street.

6. Adjournment

At 8:03 p.m., Chairman Kuharich adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Peck

Marketing and Communications Manager
City of West Chicago

**WEST CHICAGO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

ITEM: 4.a
TITLE: 2024 Art Banner Exhibit
DATE: September 5, 2024

ITEM SUMMARY:

In the 2024 Art Banner Exhibit, there were 182 nominations for the People’s Choice Award. Two artworks were particularly close, with one receiving 43 votes and the other 42. The next highest had 24 votes. The Commission needs to confirm the results and the award winner during their September 5 meeting, with all members having received a link to the relevant Google document. The remaining schedule includes:

- Confirmation of Voting Results by Commission Thursday, September 5 (CAC Meeting)
- Notification Sent to All Exhibit Artists by City Staff Friday, September 13
- Banner Organization Event Scheduled by Commission Thursday, October 3 (CAC Meeting)
- People’s Choice Award Announcement by Commission/Council Monday, October 21 (Council Meeting)
- Banner Pickup Event Scheduled by Commission December 20 (On or Before)

Staff suggests an alternative pickup method used for the Veterans’ Day Display banners, where residents contact the Marketing and Communications Division and banners are collected from a receptacle located in the City Hall Council Chamber within 5 business days. The Commission can consider this option instead of the originally proposed pickup event.

MOTION PROPOSED:

- Proceed with making a motion to approve the People’s Choice Award winner for 2024.
- (Optional) Proceed with having staff manage banner pickup.

**WEST CHICAGO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

ITEM: 4.b
TITLE: Public Arts Master Plan: Survey
DATE: September 5, 2024

ITEM SUMMARY:

On Monday, August 5, Commissioners received a link to an online survey (below) designed to gather community interests in public art. Staff is now seeking guidance on how to move forward with this

Commission Seeks Input on Public Art

APRIL 23, 2024 BY CITY OF WEST CHICAGO (EDIT)



The City of West Chicago's Cultural Arts Commission is seeking the community's input on public art. The Commission is seeking feedback on the City's permanent and temporary public art and the type of art that community members may like to see within West Chicago.

The survey can be completed on the City's website by clicking the buttons below.

English Español

Permanent Artwork

("In This - Together" by Anni Holm; "Signa Rotae" by Buddy Plumlee; and "Alebrijes: Creatures of a Dream World" by Juan Chawuk)



Temporary Artwork

("The Monarch Effect"; "WeGo Amigo"; "WeGo Art Banner Exhibit")



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initiative.



West Chicago Public Art Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Public Art Survey organized by the City of West Chicago's Cultural Arts Commission. This survey is intended to help tailor the City's efforts with the development of a Public Art Master Plan by asking the community: What do you value in public art?

In respect and gratitude for your time, this survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Name *

First

Last

Are you a resident of West Chicago? *

- Yes
 No

Please rate your level of satisfaction with West Chicago's permanent public art. *

	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Permanent Public Art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please rate your level of satisfaction with West Chicago's temporary public art. *

	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Temporary Public Art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What types of public art would you like to see in West Chicago (select all that apply)? *

	Sculpture (freestanding three-dimensional piece)	Mural (artwork applied to wall)	Performance (music, dance, theatre, etc.)	Community (conceived and/or undertaken by community members under artist guidance)	Interactive (installation that involves the spectator)
Types of Artwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

As a community, West Chicago values the arts and culture. What other thoughts do you have?

Submit

MOTION PROPOSED:

- Proceed with having staff disseminate the survey to the public through the month of September.