

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

## WEST CHICAGO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, November 7, 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. New Commission Member – Britta Renwick
  - b. Muralist, Stephen Bryer (15 minutes)
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting: October 3, 2024
4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
  - a. Art Banner Exhibit 2025 Timeline
  - b. WeGo Loteria 2024
  - c. Public Arts Master Plan
    - i. FY 2025 Projects
    - ii. Survey Results
5. Other Business
  - a. Art Banner Exhibit 2024
  - b. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
    - i. December: Thursday, December 12 or Off
    - ii. January: Thursday, January 7
    - iii. February: Thursday, February 6
    - iv. March: TBD
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

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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 7:02 p.m. Roll Call found Commissioners Gsedl, Hernandez, Plumlee, Treudt, and Walsh present. Commissioner Garcia was absent. Also in attendance was Marketing and Communications Manager Daniel Peck and Alderman Lori Chassee.

### 2. Public Participation

None.

### 3. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2024

Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Treudt, to approve the minutes of September 5, 2024. Voting Aye: Chairman Kuharich and Commissioners Gsedl and Hernandez. Motion Carried.

### 4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- a) *Downtown Mural Program: 2024-2025 Artwork:* Commissioner Gsedl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Plumlee, to recommend the installation of the Downtown Mural Program with Giovanni Arellano's artwork to the Public Affairs Committee and approval by the City Council. Motion carried.
- b) *Public Art Master Plan: Public Art Project Guidelines:* Commissioner Plumlee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gsedl, to present the Public Art Project Guidelines to the Public Affairs Committee for feedback and recommendation for approval by the City Council. Motion carried.
- c) *FY2025 Budget Request:* Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to present the FY2025 Budget Request to the Public Affairs Committee for feedback and recommendation for approval by the City Council, with requested changes to verbiage as discussed.

### 5. Other Business

- a) *Public Art Master Plan: Public Art Survey:* Manager Peck provided an update on the survey, which had received 73 responses to date. The survey will be retired on Monday, October 14.
- b) *2024 Loteria Status:* Chairman Kuharich provided an updated on the initiative. Commissioners requested additional promotion for the initiative. The closing date will be discussed during the Commission's November meeting.
- c) *Art Banner Exhibit 2024, 2025, 2026:* Chairman Kuharich reminded Commissioners that the People's Choice Award announcement is on Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m. during the City Council Meeting. Chairman Kuharich confirmed that the proposed juror for the 2025 Exhibit accepted the role. Chairman Kuharich reminded Commissioners that 2026 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States which may provide for a strong theme for the 2026 Exhibit.
- d) Chairman Kuharich and commissioners discussed the *Hokusai and Ukiyo-e: The Floating World* Exhibit that will be occurring at the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage in Summer 2025.

### 6. Adjournment

At 7:49 p.m., Chairman Kuharich adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

#### Daniel Peck

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

**ITEM:** 4.a  
**TITLE:** 2025 Art Banner Exhibit: Schedule  
**DATE:** November 7, 2024

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

To support City staff in implementing the Art Banner Exhibit in collaboration with the Cultural Arts Commission, the provided tentative schedule has been presented for review and feedback. Commissioners are requested to provide input and feedback on this proposed schedule with the goal of finalizing a schedule for the 2025 Exhibit through a motion of approval.

*2025 Art Banner Exhibit Schedule*

<b>Task</b>	<b>Completed By:</b>
• 2025 Exhibit Entry Portal Closes	Tuesday, February 11, 2025
• Exhibit Artists Confirmed by Commission	Thursday, March 6, 2025
• Artwork Sent to Jurors	Wednesday, March 12, 2025
• Juror Selections Due	Sunday, March 16, 2025
• Artwork Proofs Due to Staff	Thursday, March 27, 2025
• Cultural Arts Commission Approval of Exhibit Artists	Thursday, April 3, 2025
• Proofs Sent to Exhibit Artists/Notification to Non-Exhibit Artists	Tuesday, April 8, 2025
• Artwork Revisions Due	Sunday, April 13, 2025
• Artwork Sent to Printer & City Staff (Website)	Tuesday, April 15, 2025
• Artwork Proofed/Approved by Volunteer Commissioner(s)	Thursday, April 17, 2025
• Approve Banners for Production with Printer	Friday, April 18, 2025
• 2026 Exhibit Theme Approval	Thursday, May 1, 2025
• Banner Placement Requests by Volunteer Commissioner(s)	Thursday, May 1, 2025
• Banners Delivered to City Staff	Friday, May 2, 2025
• Installation of Banners by City Staff	Friday, May 9, 2025
• Voting Portal & Map Added to Website by City Staff	Wednesday, May 14, 2025
• 2025 Exhibit Public Announcement	Thursday, May 15, 2025
• People’s Choice Voting Portal Removed from Site	Friday, August 29, 2025
• Confirmation of Voting Results by Commission	Thursday, September 4, 2024
• Announcement Invitation Sent to Exhibit Artists	Friday, September 11, 2025
• People’s Choice Award Announcement	Monday, October 6, 2025
• Banner Pickup Period	Friday, January 30, 2026

**MOTION PROPOSED:**

- Confirm the 2025 Art Banner Exhibit Schedule.

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

**ITEM:** 4.b

**TITLE:** 2024 WeGo Loteria

**DATE:** November 7, 2024

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

The WeGo Loteria 2024 initiative was promoted through several channels over the past two months. It was featured on the City's Facebook page in both September and October, and highlighted in the City's Community Newsletter during the same months. In addition, the promotion was shared across the Facebook pages of the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce, Senator Karina Villa, and West Chicago School District 33.

The dedicated webpage and related news item were launched in September and remain live on the City's website.

As we approach the conclusion of the promotion, we need to determine when to take down the portal and webpage, as well as when the decals should be removed from participating businesses.

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

**ITEM:** 4.c  
**TITLE:** Public Arts Master Plan  
**DATE:** November 7, 2024

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

The following are updates for discussion regarding the Public Arts Master Plan.

- **FY 2025 Projects:** The Commission’s proposed funding requests for the FY 2025 Budget are tentatively approved. However, funds are currently earmarked only for specific projects, including the WeGo Loteria 2025 and the proposed summer project, contingent upon the completion and approval of the Public Arts Master Plan by the City Council. The Commission only has approval to proceed with planning and executing the 2025 Art Banner Exhibit. Additionally, funds may be allocated for City sponsorship of the Arteculture Exhibit, contribution to Gallery 200’s artist-in-residence program, and to cover maintenance costs for applying sealant to the mural(s) at Tampico.
- **Public Arts Survey(s) Results:** Attached are the results of the 2024 Public Arts Survey, which was conducted from September through October. For additional context, the results from the 2018 survey and 2021 Trunk-or-Treat event survey are included.

## How Will Future Art Be Funded?

Found in e-mail from Rosemary Mackey...

"As promised at the last meeting, I have compiled a list of answers by category of art from Survey Question #3, **What Kinds of Public Art Would You Like to See?**

"I will prepare a press release to provide these responses to the community, and to post on the City's website. I will put Question #4 (**Where Would You Like to See Public Art Installations in West Chicago?**) on the Agenda for the upcoming Special Meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Our GIS staff person will create a map of each Ward to identify City or Inter-government owned properties that might be options for public art, to begin our discussion."

### RESULTS OF SURVEY QUESTION # 3: WHAT KINDS OF PUBLIC ART WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE

TYPE	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know/Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unanswered
Murals	36	19	2	3	1	9
Sculpture	30	25	2	1	0	11
Interactive/Participatory	13	29	5	8	3	12
Temporary/Loaned	8	37	6	5	1	13
Performance	21	21	10	4	3	11
Print	11	33	4	8	0	14
Street Banner Art	27	28	2	3	0	10
Hydro Art	15	21	14	8	0	12
Digital	10	27	6	12	3	12
Architecture	26	30	3	2	1	8
Monuments	10	22	6	18	3	11
Paintings	22	28	5	3	0	12
Stained Glass	23	31	3	3	1	9
Ceramics	12	32	8	6	0	12
Mosaics	23	29	6	2	0	10
Tapestry	14	24	11	6	2	13
Earthworks	19	22	8	5	3	13
Assemblage	7	21	13	8	5	16
Installation Art	12	23	7	9	4	15
Holograms	9	15	10	15	7	14
Graffiti	13	16	5	13	13	10
Social Art	16	14	14	7	5	14
All of the Above	10	7	4	3	1	45

### PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER FORMS OF ART YOU'D LIKE TO SEE

- *Thank you for valuing the arts. This is what WeGo has been known for. We are unique.*
- *Historical photos, drawings and art from the rich history of West Chicago.*
- *Subdivision Community initiated samples*
- *Graffiti, hand free art, splatter paint*
- *Murals are always a good option and age well in most cases. A colorful mural on the ugly cement wall across from the metra station heading west towards downtown would be PERFECT!*
- *I love that a master plan is being created. Perhaps some thought could be given to adding art or promoting it along 59, Roosevelt and north Ave so those who don't come into town can see it. I think doing so could help continue to build a more positive reputation for our city. Thanks for all you work!*
- *a water feature would be nice.*
- *Would have been helpful to give brief description of the types of art listed. I was not familiar with several of the categories. I did "google" them, but a definition would have been helpful. Looking forward to this evolving project!"*
- *Choices should not be political or divisive. They should be uplifting and focused on celebrating life or achievement. Pieces which rust over time should avoided because, honestly, which town needs more rust. Perhaps railroad themes might be interesting and Hispanic-related themes could be appropriate. Thanks for asking.*
- *I welcome any and all art! Especially would love to see art done by community members and students in our schools!*
- *MUSIC*
- *Artistic and creative playground*
- *Looks like a fairly comprehensive list!*
- *The "Butterfly" project was a great success.*

- *Paint your Tree design on a plywood base (like the butterflies). West Chicago needs another project similar to that. Theme could be protect our environment by planting a tree.*
- *Beautiful woodworking*
- *Children's Art*
- *I would like to see the monuments we now have some form of info on it. Train at the Arc & train by Wilson St Bridge. ie artist, date history. Water fountain on main st*
- *Stop worrying about lipstick on the pig and devote real effort and resources in fixing this town.*
- *Recycle art*
- *Art should not be limited*

### **Trunk-or-Treat candy wrapper art survey, October 2021**

Master Plan-style survey question posed to attending children: What type of public art would you like to see in West Chicago? Options provided: Sculpture, Murals, Community Art, Interactive Art

Results:

Sculpture = 66 votes

Murals = 49 votes

Community Art = 73 votes

Interactive Art = 53 votes

Total = 241 votes

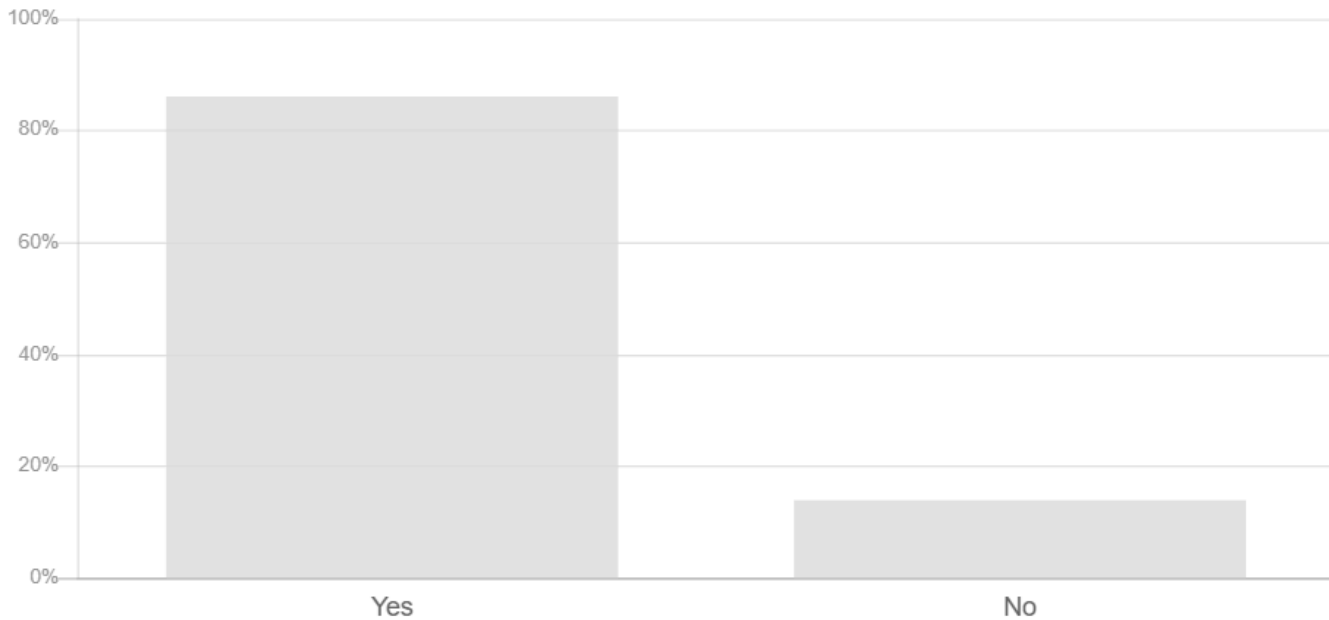
Anecdotal findings:

- Very valuable as an outreach effort
- Kids were polite and excited to participate, understanding easily what was being asked of them and why
- Parents seemed thrilled to have the kids asked
- Both kids and parents expressed gratitude and commented on what fun it was to create art in such a way

# Public Art Survey

Question 1 ☰ MULTIPLE CHOICE

Are you a resident of West Chicago?



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
Yes	86%	100
No	14%	16

116 Answered

0 Skipped

Question 2 ⋯ LIKERT SCALE

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



	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Permanent Public Art	3 3%	14 12%	35 30%	<b>39</b> 34%	25 22%

116 Answered

0 Skipped

Question 3 ... LIKERT SCALE

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

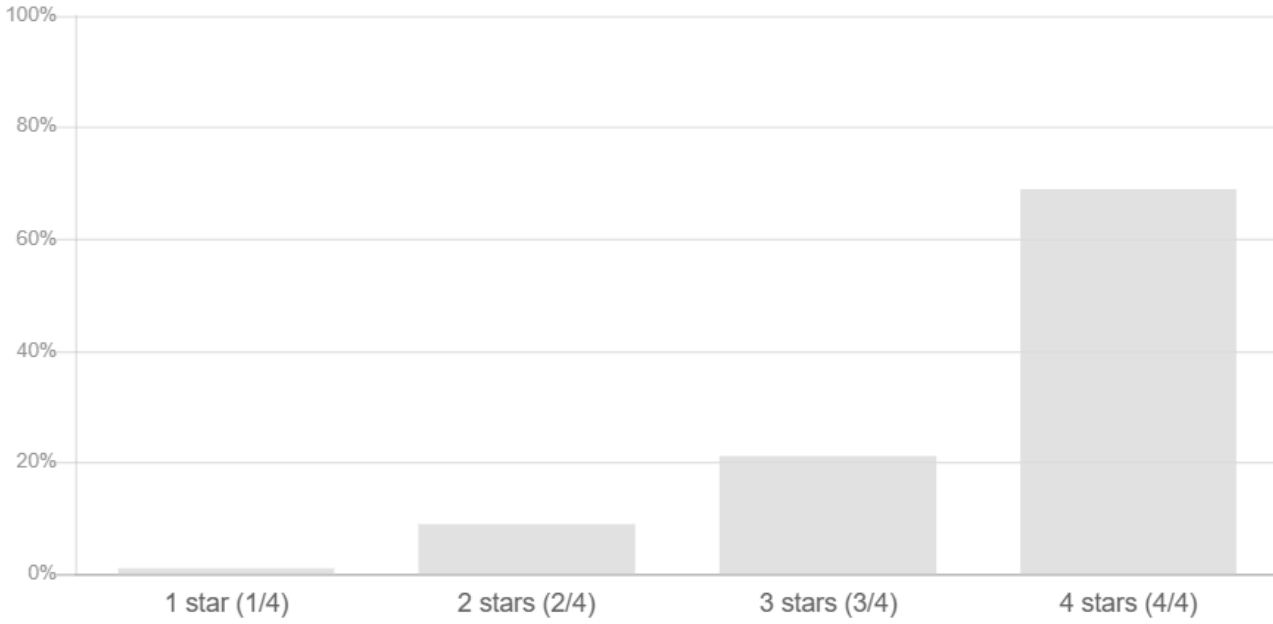
	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Temporary Public Art	4 3%	5 4%	<b>38</b> 33%	36 31%	32 28%

115 Answered

1 Skipped

Question 4 ★ RATING

Sculpture (freestanding three-dimensional piece)

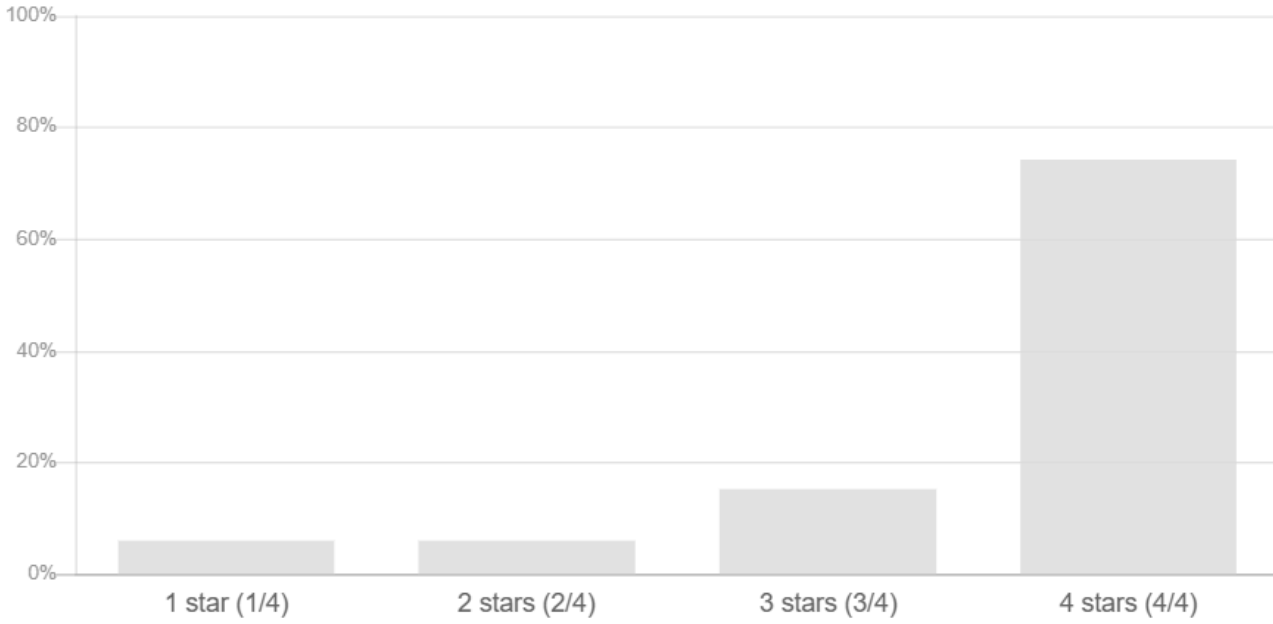


ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
4 stars (4/4)	69%	72
3 stars (3/4)	21%	22
2 stars (2/4)	9%	9
1 star (1/4)	1%	1

104 Answered      12 Skipped      3.6 Average

Question 5 ★ RATING

## Mural (artwork applied to wall)



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
4 stars (4/4)	74%	81
3 stars (3/4)	15%	16
2 stars (2/4)	6%	6
1 star (1/4)	6%	6

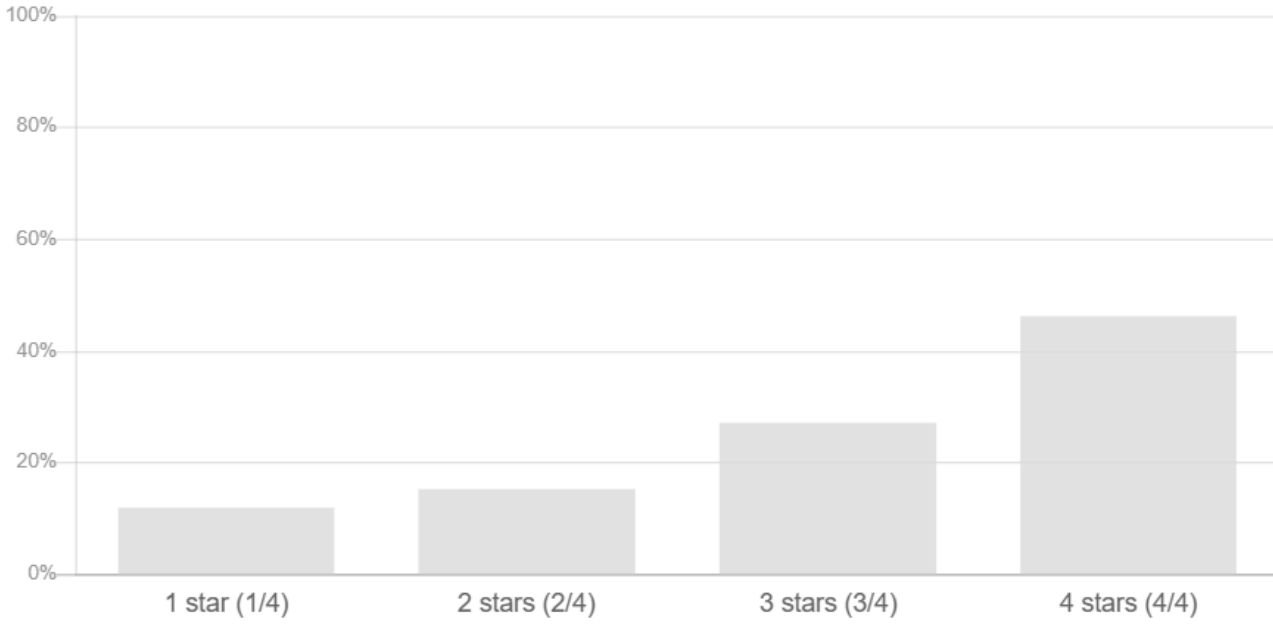
109 Answered

7 Skipped

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Question 6 ★ RATING

### Performance (music, dance, theatre, etc)



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
4 stars (4/4)	46%	48
3 stars (3/4)	27%	28
2 stars (2/4)	15%	16
1 star (1/4)	12%	13

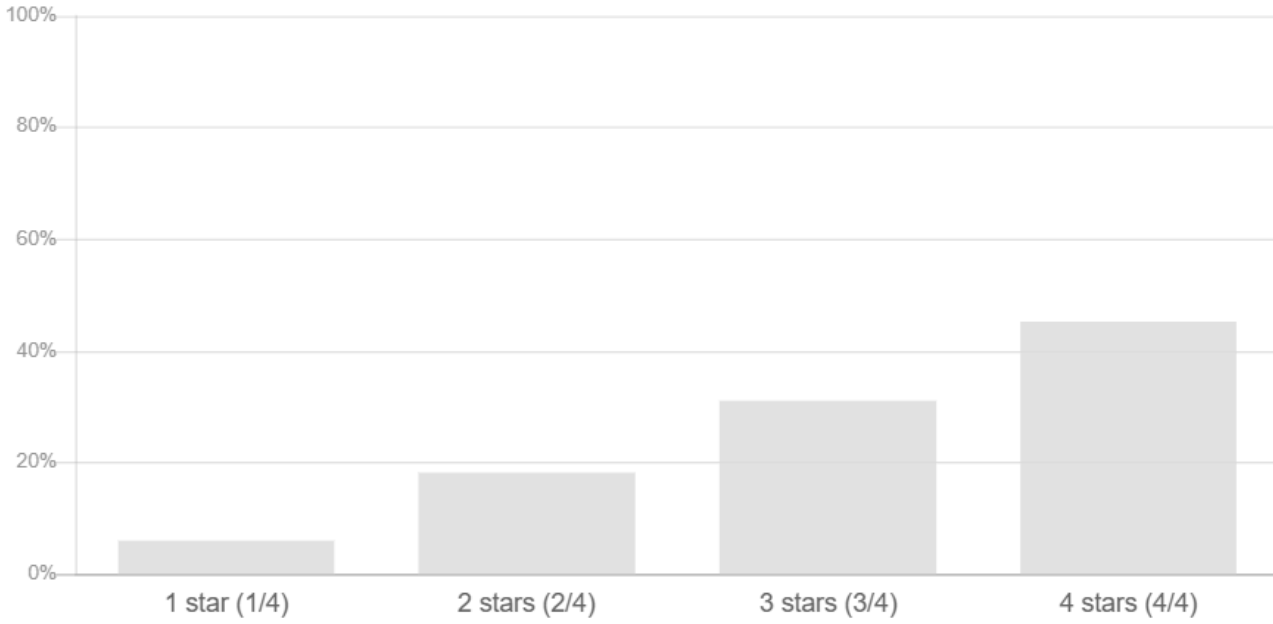
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Question 7 ★ RATING

Community (conceived and/or undertaken by community members under artist guidance)

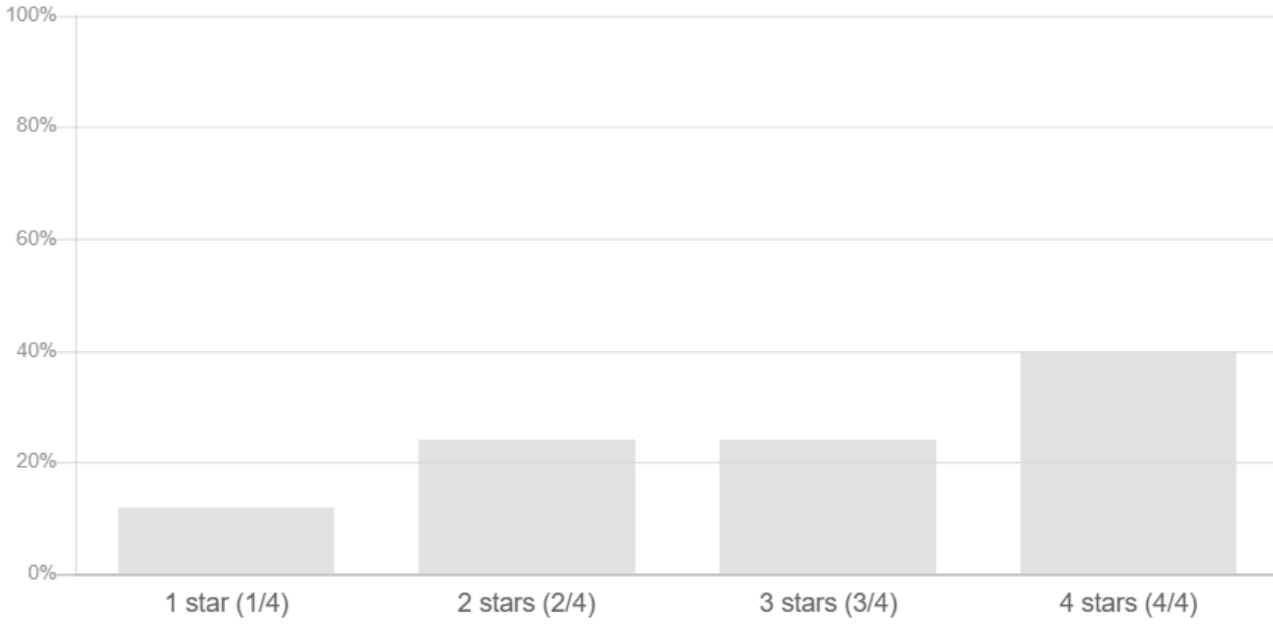


ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
4 stars (4/4)	45%	47
3 stars (3/4)	31%	33
2 stars (2/4)	18%	19
1 star (1/4)	6%	6

105 Answered      11 Skipped      3.2 Average

Question 8 ★ RATING

Interactive (installation that involves the spectator)



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
4 stars (4/4)	40%	42
3 stars (3/4)	24%	25
2 stars (2/4)	24%	25
1 star (1/4)	12%	13

105 Answered      11 Skipped      2.9 Average

Question 9 ¶ PARAGRAPH TEXT

## What other thoughts do you have about public art in the West Chicago community?

ANSWERS	DATE
<p>Language differences can be a barricade to friendships. Art has the potential to speak to people that are separated by language while still respecting cultural differences. How can we find ways to connect people with art? Tough question. I think family, friendship, and communication are potentially unifying common-ground themes for art. Or American patriotism. The conversation could start with what we want the West Chicago "brand" to be as well as the goals. Of course the Hispanic community is a big part of our city's demographic. Is it a goal to want non-Spanish-speaking people to shop, dine, and participate in activities in Wego rather than neighboring cities? Is it appropriate to focus on the Spanish-speaking</p>	<p>October 13, 2024 at 11:39 pm </p>

## ANSWERS

## DATE

culture as our target consumer base? Do we want to attract businesses that will build the tax base and not burden residents with high property taxes? And attract home builders? Is this kind of growth a goal or not? Or something else? Can art help create the brand we want? The railroad theme is associated with Wego history, but I wonder if it's losing relevance. Should it be promoted more? This would be a part of the "branding" conversation. I experience Wego as a calm, peaceful, non-congested place to live with lots of open space. People are lovely, polite, family-oriented, but culturally divided by language. Diversity in life is a bonus. My thoughts are to define the positive sides of this fine city, the goals, the brand, then find ways to proudly display these through art for the good of all.

I think what you guys have done has been great!! I think it is a super representation of our community. I like that you encourage and involve our community to share and participate. I like the banners, and I like how we embrace our communities diversity. It is a wonderful place to live.

October 13, 2024 at 10:57 am



Mixture of the various cultures & celebration of history especially the impact of the railroad

October 11, 2024 at 6:49 pm



Avoid the trite and cliché--like the "love evermore" sculpture in front of the library. Be conscious of appropriateness of size and placement: The "love evermore" sculpture is not only trite, but its small size and placement virtually against the wall of the library make it almost invisible. Mural art should not look like faded graffiti, such as the Anni Holmes piece at Fremont and Washington does. Have a variety of styles evocative of the cultural range and history of the city: This not just a Hispanic community..

October 11, 2024 at 6:35 pm



I love it all!

October 11, 2024 at 5:49 pm



Murals that depict our railroad history.

October 11, 2024 at 3:32 pm



Seasonal themes..... Spring Summer Autumn and Winter.. Paintings and Photography Collection Any other Artwork or Crafts.

October 10, 2024 at 6:54 am



Not interested

October 8, 2024 at 9:45 pm



I think the building across from Coco Loco would be a great spot for a mural. Also next door to the thrift shop would be a good canvas as well.

October 8, 2024 at 1:07 pm



Utilize our beautiful parks with temporary displays! Reignite interest in Reed Keppler, and draw interest toward lesser known/utilized parks like Easton and cress creek.

October 8, 2024 at 12:55 pm



While I appreciate the Hispanic culture in WeGo, can we please please put some focus on non-hispanic residents? 100% of the art, stores and restaurants need NOT be all Hispanic and your community is FRUSTRATED! Have you ever considered dedicating time, money and effort to highlighting the actual history of this town; trains? Do you know how much tourism money that would bring in? DO BETTER WEGO GOVERNMENT! You are losing many of your residents quickly. And we will continue to go if we're not heard.

October 8, 2024 at 10:22 am



Less Hispanic cultural items. We have plenty of that.















October 7, 2024 at 11:01 pm



I'd love a mural with nature friendly theme full of flowers. Such as -Protect Pollinators (bees h butterflies). Plant Native Plants. Beauty in Nature. All would be beautiful and great photo opportunities!

October 7, 2024 at 8:08 pm



ANSWERS	DATE	
We need to level up like some of our surrounding towns. We are making strives in improving, but bring it up another level!	October 7, 2024 at 5:25 pm	
It would be cool to have a billboard with a digital screen to show different types of artwork for a variety of artists. The billboard could show video and animation from artists.	October 7, 2024 at 4:33 pm	
Would like to see more theatre events. Maybe put the high school theatre for public theatre events	October 7, 2024 at 2:49 pm	
Community art is accessible and a wonderful way to beautify the community. Before settling in WeGo, my husband and I lived in Oak Park and OP provided opportunities throughout the year for students and residents to propose art installations throughout the community. Their efforts were resident driven (by accepting suggestions of location and design from artists themselves) which I think lead to more artwork throughout town and partnerships with building owners who were interested in beautifying the community. Artists see things differently, and I have a feeling if asked, the artist community in town would respond with some amazing ideas for permanent art installations or creative projects in our community.	October 5, 2024 at 9:37 am	
I feel that community art should reflect the entire cultural history of our community. We are more than just one culture here. Years ago, I remember having a German sister city. Maybe our (permanent) art could reflect all who have settled here, working with the West Chicago history museum. Part of what I love about our community, is how diverse we are. It would be great if we could reflect that somehow in our public art, whether it be music, sculpture, painting, dance or interactive installations.	October 1, 2024 at 8:19 pm	
I really appreciate the public art that exists in WC. I loved the Alebrijes, and I love the Olmec trail pieces and the permanent mural on the Gallery 200 exterior. The more color, the more cultural expression, the better! The temp installations are always amazing, but I would love to see more permanent installations/murals up as well. I appreciate what this group is doing and would love to see more public art in West Chicago.	October 1, 2024 at 12:50 pm	
I liked the haikus!	September 30, 2024 at 8:50 pm	
The more art the better	September 30, 2024 at 1:18 pm	
I'm in cornerstone lakes. I see downtown St Charles and Geneva Art often (murals, sculptures in public parks, painted fire hydrants). It's uplifting and diverse. I'd love to see a wall downtown west Chicago for young people to do a mural. Our train station is cute and lots of people are there daily. Put art around there.	September 30, 2024 at 10:53 am	
More please!	September 29, 2024 at 5:08 pm	
Where is the railroad history? A mural of the trains and start of Turner Junction	September 29, 2024 at 6:43 am	
I wish the water tower had been used as a canvas for a vibrant piece of art since it is so prominent and located directly down town. It could have been an amazing beacon of personality for West Chicago. Missed opportunity there.	September 29, 2024 at 5:43 am	
More focus on children art/ideas. Include the true future of the community. Ex: scholarships for the young artist(s)/schools	September 28, 2024 at 2:59 pm	
I love the vibrant colors and aesthetic of Hispanic culture and heritage pieces. I wish that the alebrijes and spirit animals could have been a permanent installation. I love the Olmec head	September 28, 2024 at 1:47 pm	



## ANSWERS

## DATE

sculptures, but the accompanying yard signs along the Prairie Path ("you found Olmec #15!") were confusing and I felt that they detracted from the beauty of the path's natural surroundings. I would love to see permanent public art installations downtown that cover/camouflage abandoned/neglected property and other eyesores. I would love to see permanent sculpture installations that are safe and welcoming for children to climb on, play with, and explore. Our downtown area is unique in that none of the downtown parks host playground equipment. Vibrant, colorful public art playspaces would reinforce our city's family-friendly profile.

I sure would like to see art that features less Hispanic and more of other nationalities.

September 28, 2024 at 10:48 am



It needs to be sustainable and fiscally responsible.

September 28, 2024 at 6:03 am



Thanks for asking!

September 27, 2024 at 5:52 pm



Community art is unifying. It should be funded by the city and by private donations. There should be oversight and direction to create art by the commission or create a new group to raise funds to support visiting artists, community projects, and listing installations.

September 27, 2024 at 4:19 pm



Art can really help make a lasting good impression on a town. Since West Chicago is dedicated to butterfly habitats and butterflies are lovely to look at, I'd recommend using them as a theme. Perhaps one or two could be added to the water tower. And maybe businesses could be given an incentive for incorporating them into their exterior designs. Perhaps Neltnor could be a butterfly corridor with some butterfly sculptures along it. They could do double duty by encouraging motorists to slow down and take in the scenery.

September 27, 2024 at 3:30 pm



banners on mail are nice...keep it up. Would like to see art that reflects the railroad history of the community. Preferably wall mural done by professional mural artist in prominent location.

September 27, 2024 at 3:07 pm



I'd love to see more art kids can interact with.

September 26, 2024 at 6:45 pm



More of it would be awesome!

September 25, 2024 at 8:16 pm



Like art that draws attention to nature. Public gardens with walkways available around the city would beautify it so much

September 25, 2024 at 12:36 pm



Its to "ethnic" The art seems to cater to the hispanic population. We are a diverse community, yet that is not how the area is portrayed. The hands, well, I have never been a fan.

September 25, 2024 at 12:54 am



I love public artworks in all forms.

September 24, 2024 at 6:53 pm



I would like to see a project, possibly an outdoor project, that brings together the many different ethnicities and religions of West Chicago. In my neighbors there are African American, Indian American, Ukrainian and Asian Americans. Several different religions are represented as well.

September 24, 2024 at 11:17 am



I think all types of art would be nice especially since West Chgo has become very diverse

September 23, 2024 at 10:11 pm



I would like to see our rich railroad history represented.















September 23, 2024 at 8:13 pm



I would love to see all aspects of our community highlighted. One example is that I saw the beautiful Mexican Heritage month banners. But it is actually Hispanic Heritage month. There are so many other Hispanic cultures that are also unaccounted for.

September 23, 2024 at 3:53 pm



ANSWERS	DATE	
Vibrant art work like the one next to tampico grocery store , murals that depict the history of west chicago and its evolution that displays and conveys motivation to the youth and elders one that can show how diversity is present in west chicago and it is embraced and coexistence makes west chicago a great place to visit..	September 23, 2024 at 3:30 pm	
Digital media art with new AI technologies, video art, and textile art will be amazing to consider to exhibit too	September 23, 2024 at 2:14 pm	
I want to see more street art like graffiti murals that represent the history of West Chicago. AND I want to see A LOT of HISPANIC CULTURE in these graffiti murals, because they make up most of West Chicago!!!	September 23, 2024 at 11:29 am	
MORE! Murals ON buildings! Not "hung" on buildings	September 22, 2024 at 7:24 pm	
I am friends with Chicano artists in Pilsen Chicago and Little Village. It would be wonderful to bring someone to guide and collaborate with our community with public art.	September 22, 2024 at 2:10 pm	
Geo's art is colorful and full of life. Love to see it throughout the city!	September 22, 2024 at 5:35 am	
More variety of artists	September 21, 2024 at 6:55 pm	
Including the work of resident Giovanni Arellano would be important. As he was be in the community since elementary school. His art is an inspiration to everyone and his work is appreciated heavy on social media platforms. It's important to highlight meaningful artwork form those who give back to the community	September 21, 2024 at 6:35 pm	
I love seeing Fiendsco's art around the downtown area	September 21, 2024 at 4:34 pm	
Art shared with a community is magical - it brings folks together and opens their minds to new possibilities. Truly, anyone's day can be made better by encountering a work of art as one girds up in the midst of doing their daily chores and feels a moment of uplift when seeing something beautiful. As West Chicago residents (and, for that matter, anyone passing through West Chicago as they travel our byways) encountering moments of joy and grace makes all of us richer	September 20, 2024 at 9:10 pm	
More in the neighborhoods like the haiku's and butterflies	September 20, 2024 at 7:22 pm	
So glad we have the art we do. Always good to have more! Hope we can find ways to incorporate kid artists	September 20, 2024 at 5:11 pm	
I think it would be nice to see colorful, playful, murals under the train track passage. And also provide better lighting.	September 20, 2024 at 4:28 pm	
While I appreciate the existing efforts, I believe there's significant potential to enhance the area's character and appeal through the strategic integration of public art. As it stands, the downtown area lacks a strong artistic identity. By incorporating murals, mosaics, sculptures, and other creative elements, we can transform the space into a more vibrant and engaging destination. These artistic enhancements would not only beautify the area but also attract visitors and create a sense of community. Additionally, we could explore opportunities to incorporate art into the infrastructure of existing buildings. For instance, we could commission custom-designed facades, utilize artistic lighting, or create interactive installations that engage the public. I believe that by investing in these artistic enhancements, we can create a	September 20, 2024 at 3:27 pm	

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more welcoming and distinctive downtown environment that will attract businesses and encourage residents to spend more time in the area.

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We should be made more aware of both the permanent and temporary art as I didn't know about any of the temporary and only 2 of the permanent. We don't see or enjoy it if we don't know where it is.

September 20, 2024 at 1:41 pm



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N/A

December 7, 2023 at 6:38 pm



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