

CHICAGO CULTURAL PLAN ACTION UPDATE

as of January 31, 2013

PEOPLE: FOSTER ARTS EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Recommendation 1. Make equal access to arts education a reality.

- ✓ Development and implementation of a Chicago Public Schools (CPS) district-wide plan for arts education
- ✓ Development and implementation of arts education curriculum in all schools
- ✓ Mandate from Mayor, School Board and CPS CEO regarding arts education in all schools
- ✓ Arts education as a core subject within CPS
- ✓ Application of national best practices in comprehensive arts education
- ✓ Adoption of new state standards for arts education in Illinois

Recommendation 3. Advocate for high-quality arts education.

- ✓ Professional development programs and lifelong learning for CPS teachers, early childhood educators, administrators, and teaching artists
- ✓ Citywide school arts exhibitions and performances

Recommendation 4. Grow and support opportunities for the lifelong learner.

- ✓ Expansion of existing arts drop-in hours at community centers, libraries, parks, schools and recreation centers in collaboration with artists-in-residence or organizations-in-residence
- ✓ Growth of arts after school programs for all P-12 and out-of-school populations
- ✓ Expansion of Park District arts-partners in-residence program

Recommendation 5. Focus private/public/non-profit collaborations on arts education.

- ✓ Arts education plan cross-sectoral implementation task force

PEOPLE: ATTRACT AND RETAIN ARTISTS AND CREATIVE PROFESSIONALS

Recommendation 6. Tackle space needs for artists and creative professionals.

- ✓ Guidelines and incentive programs to convert underutilized spaces for cultural uses

Recommendation 9. Grow and diversify sources and methods of support.

- ✓ Maintain City of Chicago (DCASE) grants for artists and leverage public funds fully

PLACES: ELEVATE AND EXPAND NEIGHBORHOOD CULTURAL ASSETS

Recommendation 10. Link neighborhoods to each other and to downtown.

- ✓ Neighborhood connections with downtown festivals: marketing, programming, partnership with local cultural initiatives that link major festivals with neighborhood initiatives

Recommendation 11. Maximize people's opportunity to participate in arts and culture.

- ✓ Youth arts conferences: convening of teenage residents to learn, express, plan for, and appreciate cultural arts

Recommendation 13. Expand art in public places.

- ✓ Identify specific sites like bridges, side walls of public buildings, and transit structures, that are programmed with changing exhibitions or can accommodate permanent installations

PLACES: FACILITATE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING OF CULTURAL ACTIVITY

Recommendation 14. Support grassroots cultural planning in the neighborhoods.

- ✓ Action list for Chicago residents to support and help implement the Chicago Cultural Plan 2012
- ✓ Toolkit for cultural planning, participation, and place making

Recommendation 15. Fund neighborhood cultural planning.

- ✓ Neighborhood cultural grants to help implement programs and projects
- ✓ Connect chambers of commerce to growing neighborhood cultural capacity

Recommendation 16. Increase cultural spaces in every neighborhood.

- ✓ Pop-Up cultural spaces in underutilized storefronts
- ✓ Incentives to develop garden patches in underutilized, under populated areas
- ✓ Collaboration among neighborhood spaces and parks and local cultural organization responsible for activating the space with cultural initiatives

POLICIES: STRENGTHEN CAPACITY OF THE CULTURAL SECTOR

Recommendation 18. Advocate for funding strategies among philanthropic, private, and public sector that respond to cultural sector's operating realities.

- ✓ Coordination among major grant makers on a standard application and reporting format and types of data collected

Recommendation 19. Strengthen all cultural organizations, big and small.

- ✓ Multi-year mentor relationships among arts organizations

Recommendation 20. Encourage cultural and non-cultural sectors to work together.

- ✓ Grants for initiatives focused on public outreach (including neighborhoods, schools, underserved communities)

POLICIES: OPTIMIZE CITY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Recommendation 21. Build a pro-culture government.

- ✓ Balance of community/neighborhood and global/downtown representation on DCASE advisory board
- ✓ Ensure plans created by City departments explore how culture can be incorporated into their work

PLANNING CULTURALLY: PROMOTE THE VALUE AND IMPACT OF CULTURE

Recommendation 24. Communicate culture's broad civic impacts.

- ✓ Mayor's endorsement of culture as a "public good": all of Chicago is entitled to cultural enrichment and expression
- ✓ Robust cultural communications staff at DCASE

PLANNING CULTURALLY: STRENGTHEN CHICAGO AS A GLOBAL CULTURAL DESTINATION

Recommendation 27. Market Chicago as a global cultural destination.

- ✓ Large-scale major cultural festival that attracts global attention and highlights Chicago's renowned cultural assets and heritage
- ✓ Satellite international tourism offices that promote Chicago's culture worldwide

Recommendation 28. Sustain global cultural exchanges.

- ✓ Pop-up installations in collaboration with Chicago cultural organizations and international designers, architects, thinkers, and artists

Recommendation 29. Develop a comprehensive cultural tourism plan.

- ✓ Self guided itineraries integrating Chicago's neighborhood cultural assets
- ✓ Collaborations among tourism partners and cultural organizations to offer packages and itineraries to cultural tourists around major anchor events
- ✓ Collaboration among cultural organizations and major non-cultural events to coordinate scheduling, cross-marketing opportunities and packages

PLANNING CULTURALLY: FOSTER CULTURAL INNOVATION

Recommendation 30. Focus citywide spaces and events on cultural innovation.

- ✓ Higher education spaces for arts incubators linked to major accelerator center

PLANNING CULTURALLY: INTEGRATE CULTURE INTO DAILY LIFE

Recommendation 33. Follow up the Chicago Cultural Plan 2012 with an implementation strategy.

- ✓ Mayor's endorsement and advocacy of the Chicago Cultural Plan 2012's vision and initiatives

Recommendation 34. Integrate culture across all that the City does and how it does it.

- ✓ Concurrency of Chicago Cultural Plan 2012 initiatives with other departmental and agency plans

Recommendation 36. Integrate culture throughout nonprofit sector.

- ✓ "University/College Cultural Coalition": regular convening of Chicago's universities and colleges around supporting, sharing, and benefiting from citywide cultural assets
- ✓ Use of college and university facilities, public spaces by cultural organizations, artists
- ✓ Cultural uses within nonprofit facilities (exhibition spaces in hospitals, choir rehearsal at adult activity centers)
- ✓ "Discover ChicagoU": orientation of cultural citywide to new post-secondary students
- ✓ Cultural activities at area public facilities (hospitals, public aid offices, social security office)