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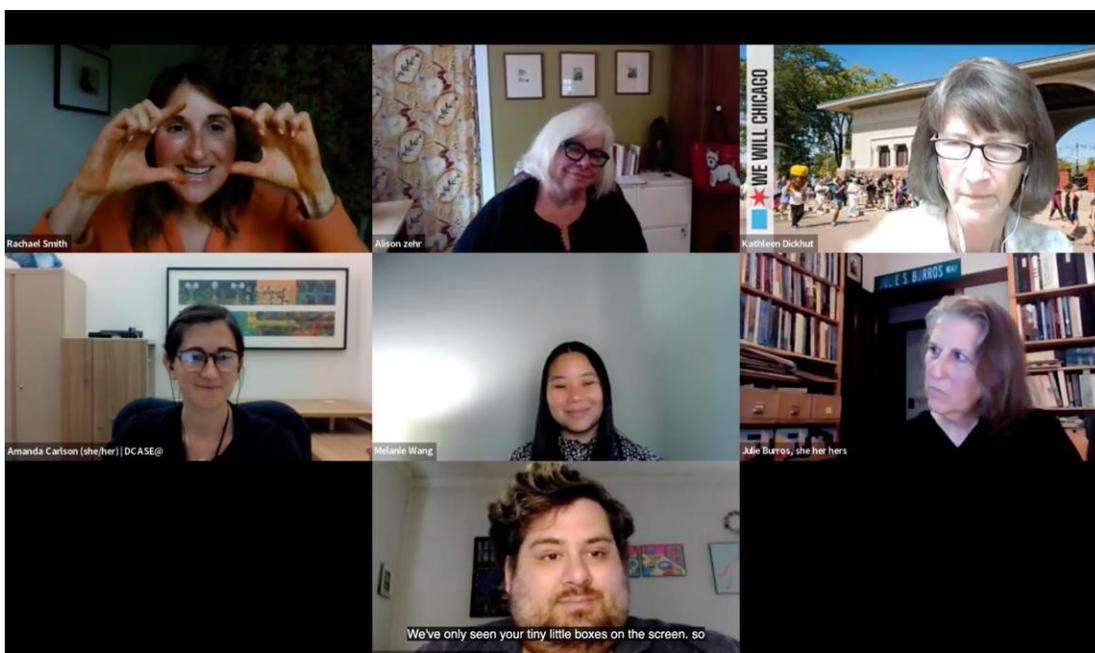
## Arts & Culture Meeting #13

June 6, 2022, 04:00PM | 2 hours

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### ATTENDEES

- Rachael Smith
- Melanie Wang
- Kim Jay
- Max Grinnell
- Enrique Morales
- Krystal Amevor
- Abigail Rose
- Kevin Corbett
- Kristin Larsen
- Peggy Stewart
- Wisdom Baty
- Alison Zehr
- Maritza Nazario
- Amanda Carlson
- Anezka Gocova
- Amanda Carlson
- Erin Harkey
- Julie Burros
- Gabriela Jirasek
- Henry Wishcamper
- Amanda Carlson
- Mónica Félix
- Kathleen Dickhut



#### MEETING GOAL

*The final meeting of the Arts & Culture pillar provided an overview of nearly a year's worth of progress. The final work presented reflects the policies and decisions that members believe will uplift the creative climate within Chicago.*

#### WHERE WE ARE



Step 1

### **We Are**

*Setting the Stage*



Step 2

### **We Have and Need**

*Develop A Policy Toolkit*



Step 3

### **We Will**

*Set Policy Framework*

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1** | We Will Chicago has developed a policy framework that could positively impact the arts and culture community through sustainability and a strategic implementation plan.
- 2** | The space was open for pillar members to share questions, comments and concerns regarding how the input and ideas they've provided would be implemented in the near future.
- 3** | We Will Chicago has an implementation plan that will go from June 2022 through January 2023. The core stages are: Framework Plan Draft Release, Broad Public Engagement, Incorporate Feedback into Framework Plan, approval by Chicago Plan Commission.

CONVERSATION HIGHLIGHTS

*"I think having a public place to see, to be able to track progress feels important."*

**Enrique Morales** | Northwest Arts Connection, Co-Founder

## NOTES

**Recap of the progress made between Meetings 12 and 13**

- Revision based on pillar team feedback
  - Members vote on what revisions takes place with the policies created
- Additional stakeholder feedback was provided
  - Advisory Committee review and comments
  - Working sessions with a few Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) Cultural Advisory Council members
  - Overview conversation with DCASE directors
- Revisions and additions were made and sent back to the pillar team for feedback
  - Conversations with pillar members about supporting data
- Finalizing text and data bullets with DPD and consultant teams

**Goal One:** Support the resiliency of the creative sector—its workers, organizations, and businesses—for a healthy and vibrant city.

- 1.1: Strengthen the infrastructure and systems of support needed for creative sectors organizations, businesses, and individuals to thrive.
  - Policies
    - Key Changes: 1.1D was moved from 1.4A. 1.4B was moved from 1.1D and 1.4D is a new addition
      - 1.1D: Foster partnerships and mentorship programs between arts and culture organizations to build institutional capacity.
      - 1.4B: Increase resources for collaborations that support creative workers' entrepreneurial and artistic pursuits.
      - 1.4D: Connect creative workers to resources, such as housing and health care, to enable individuals to sustain and grow careers in Chicago.

**Goal Two:** Engage artists, creative business, and cultural organizations to advance the quality of life in all Chicago communities.

- New map from [SMUData Arts](#)
  - Policies:
    - Key Changes:
      - 2.2E new addition: Establish accessibility guidelines and associated funding for new arts and culture spaces, and provide resources for upgrades to existing venues.

**Goal Three:** Ensure all Chicagoans have access to robust, relevant, and joyful arts education and creative workforce opportunities at every stage of their lives.

**Goal Four:** Promote awareness and appreciation for the value of the city's cultural sector—its current and historical contributions—to residents and those beyond the city's borders.

- Policies
  - Key Changesn
    - 4.2C new addition: Pilot and evaluate designating areas of artistic or cultural interest in collaboration with community stakeholders as a method of increasing visibility of and investment in local history, art, and culture.

**Draft Framework Plan**

- Three Steps make up the overall framework plan:
  - Making the Plan

- We Will Chicago Pillars
- Resources and References
- The final pillar reports will have the following components available per topic: Goal Language, Supporting Text, Objectives, and Supporting Metrics/Infographics

**Equity Analysis Report:**

- We Will Chicago believes that equity is both an outcome and process.
  - Key quote: “As an outcome, equity results in fair and just access to opportunity and resources that provide everyone the ability to thrive.”
- Full statement made available here: [chicago.gov/Equity](https://chicago.gov/Equity)
- **Other Key Source:** GARE Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity
  - For Details on next steps, pillar members were encouraged to follow up with Lauren Burdette ([lauren.burdette@cityofchicago.org](mailto:lauren.burdette@cityofchicago.org)) or Kate McMahon ([kate.mcmahon@cityofchicago.org](mailto:kate.mcmahon@cityofchicago.org))

**Summer Engagement:** We Will Chicago Ambassadors

Over the course of the next few months, WWC desires to do more outreach across the city to spread awareness on the work being done. Below are a few opportunities made available for community members:

- Pop-up engagement opportunities at summer and fall events
- Surveys and conversations to gather feedback on framework
- Swag and collateral to build excitement and awareness

## RESOURCES

### WE WILL CHICAGO CALENDAR

[Upcoming public engagement programming](#)

### ARTS & CULTURE PILLAR

[Description of the pillar's focus](#)

### SMU DATAARTS

[Southern Methodist University's center for arts and culture research, which has created reports for chicago in the past](#)

### RACIAL EQUITY TOOLKIT: AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPERATIONALIZE EQUITY

[A guide from the Local and Regional Government Alliance on Racial Equity that the city of Chicago has used to assess the racial equity implications of policies, programs and budgets](#)

#### NEXT STEPS

- As part of its implementation plan, We Will Chicago will release a draft of the framework plan, conduct community outreach and engagement through November, incorporate feedback, and submit the final document to the Chicago Plan Commission for adoption in January 2023.
- We Will Chicago plans to send draft plans to members by late June/early July, and will collect any additional comments. Throughout the summer, paid and volunteer opportunities to support engagement will be made available as well.
  - Contact: [david.king@cityofchicago.org](mailto:david.king@cityofchicago.org)
- Lastly, We Will Chicago will be hosting an in-person social gathering on Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 6-8pm for pillar members to celebrate the progress made thus far! Information will be made available within the next week.