



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### *Economic Development Division*

## **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28th, 2009**

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### **Introduction**

The following Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report describes activities of the Public Arts Program for the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The report includes information regarding projects which are in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

### **On-going Projects in Process**

- Art in Infrastructure Projects:
  - Iron Post Sculpture Project
  - Philo Road Beautification Project
  - Cunningham Avenue Beautification Study
  - Boneyard Creek Master Plan
  - Downtown Newspaper Rack Design Project
- Projects with Partners:
  - Krannert Center District
  - Boneyard Arts Festival
  - Joseph W. Royer Arts and Architecture District
- Gallery District Incentive Program

### **Projects in Development**

- Art in Public Places Kickoff Project—pending NEA grant approval
- City Hall Art Exhibition Space Program—in development
- UPArts Grant Program—in progress, see Grant program MEMO
- UPTV bi-monthly programming featuring local artists—in development
- The Arts at the Market, workshops and information at the Market at the Square between May 2009 – November 2009—in development
- Spring Lecture Series—in development, discussion needed

### **Requests and Recommendations from the Public**

- Dale Stephenson submitted information in March on a youth art competition to take place in late April, 2009.

### **Staff Activities**

- Urbana Public Arts Commission program research and preparation
- Served as Judge for Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition, hosted by 40 North
- Volunteer during the Pre-Boneyard Arts Festival Mingle and Match event
- Grant Program meetings, guideline revision and drafting of application

- Facilitation and Coordination of the Boneyard Arts Festival Urbana Committee
- Business Retention Visit: Corson Music's Guitar Store
- Participated in an Americans for the Arts Webinar on Federal Funding Sources
- Staff meetings on Philo Road Beautification Project
- Attended the Illinois Arts Alliance Members Meeting

**Meetings Attended:**

Boneyard Arts Festival Urbana Committee meeting, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Krannert Center District meeting, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Streetscape meeting, February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Boneyard Arts Festival Urbana Committee meeting, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
Goose Plaque discussion with George Boyd, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Urbana Streetscape meeting, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Boneyard Arts Festival Core Committee meeting, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
Grant Subcommittee meeting, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting on Boneyard Arts Festival Urbana Nightlife Activities, February 27<sup>th</sup>