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TO: Urbana Public Arts Commission

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SUBJECT: **Storefront Art and Urbana Space Program**

Background

The Urbana Public Arts Commission has identified the creation of a program that enables the temporary installation of art in underutilized properties as a priority for the current fiscal year. The Commission created a subcommittee to address relevant issues related to this program. Ms. Sammann and Ms. Lamb are the Commissioners serving on this subcommittee. At the February Commission meeting, the subcommittee provided a description of two programs to address this priority. These programs were named the Storefront Art Series and the Urbana Space Program.

Discussion

The Storefront and Urbana Space Subcommittee is meeting with staff to discuss the proposed programs and further define the implementation process. An additional update will be provided during the Commission meeting in March.

Initial suggestions from staff include the coordination of this program with the City's Underutilized Properties Group and the Building and Safety Division.

Recommendation

Staff will continue to work with the subcommittee and bring forward recommendations for implementation at a future date.