

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

APPROVED

DATE: December 15, 2009

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Geoffrey Bant, Robin Hall, Barbara Hedlund, Robert Lewis, Ilona Matkovszki, Sarah Ross, Patricia Sammann

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator; Tony Weck, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: none

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chair Robin Hall. Anna Hochhalter took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Ms. Sammann made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. All Commission members present were in favor of approval and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- **Introduction of Ilona Matkovszki**

Ilona Matkovszki was introduced as the newest member of the Public Arts Commission.

- **Presentation by Staff: Monthly Progress Report**

Ms. Hochhalter presented the City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining current projects, projects with partners and upcoming events. For an update on current projects, she reported the following:

- The Gallery District Incentive Program was receiving continuing inquiries and business participation.
- Eighteen agreements had been finalized and projects were underway through the Urbana Arts Grant Program; inquiries were being received regarding the 2010 grant applications and guidelines.
- In regards to the Urbana Sculpture Project, the Call for Art closed on October 19, 2009. Thirty-four applications were received with a total of 98 sculptures to be considered. The first jury convened on November 19, 2009, selecting 10 sculptures. The second jury convened on December 8, selecting four sculptures to be recommended to the Public Arts Commission for approval for a two-year installation. City staff was continuing the finalization of a draft artist agreement, review of insurance issues, and the third Philo Road location.

For projects with partners, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following:

- Activities as a member of the 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors & Committees
- Activities as a member of the 40 North | 88 West Urbana Boneyard Arts Festival Committee
- The status of the Art in the Park installation by John David Mooney
- The status of the planning for the King Park Martin Luther King, Jr. public art project with the Urbana Park District
- Activities as a member of the Urbana Business Association's Downtown Committee

For upcoming events, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following:

- That Urbana Arts Grant applications were due on January 11, 2010
- That the tentative date for the next Public Arts Commission meeting was set for January 12, 2010

6. OLD BUSINESS

• **Discussion and Approval of Urbana Sculpture Project 2009 Recommendations**

Ms. Hochhalter briefly reviewed the recommendations with the Commission. Questions from the Commission were addressed by Ms. Hochhalter during the course of the review. A brief discussion of the recommendations ensued among members of the Commission. Following the discussion, Mr. Lewis made a motion that the Commission approve the recommendations for the Urbana Sculpture Project 2009 and ask City staff to proceed with the project. Ms. Sammann seconded the motion. The Commission briefly discussed the project further, after which Mr. Hall called for a voice vote on Mr. Lewis's motion. All members of the Commission were in favor of approval and thus the motion carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

• **Discussion of FY 08-09 and FY 09-10 Programming and FY 10-11 Program Plan**

Ms. Hochhalter presented the staff report regarding this item to the Commission. Members of the Commission briefly discussed each project during its respective presentation. It was determined that further discussion should take place at the next Commission meeting, which was tentatively set for January 12, 2010.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were made by Ms. Hochhalter, Mr. Lewis and Ms. Hedlund.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hedlund made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sammann. With no further discussion and with all Commission members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Submitted,

Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator