

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

**APPROVED**

**DATE:** January 12, 2010

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Geoffrey Bant, Robin Hall, Barbara Hedlund, Robert Lewis, Ilona Matkowszki, Patricia Sammann

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sarah Ross

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Carrino, Economic Development Division Manager; Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator; Tony Weck, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:** none

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:06 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 December 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Sammann 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

### • **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.
- With regards to the Urbana Arts Grant Program, the City had entered into agreements with all 20 projects, projects were underway, and City staff was receiving inquiries regarding the 2010 grants, coordinating juries and finalizing the review process. The deadline for application submittal was January 11, 2010.
- With regards to the Urbana Sculpture Project, four sculptures were approved on December 15, 2009 and all artists had been notified. City staff was finalizing agreements with the artists and the installation process.
- With regards to the Lecture Series, City staff met with the subcommittee to discuss program planning.
- With regards to the Storefront Art Series, City staff met with the subcommittee to discuss program planning.
- With regards to fundraising, City staff was working to clarify the process by which the Commission can raise funds for the program.
- With regards to the City Building Exhibition Space, City staff was working under the direction of the Mayor to install the first artist's work. Ms. Hochhalter reported that the name, "Artist of the Corridor" was being considered as the project name.
- With regards to external grants, City staff was working on Illinois Cultural Data Project registration and considering projects for the Illinois Arts Council Program Grant, which would be due March 15, 2010. Project activity would be between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011.

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 the tentative date for the next Public Arts Commission meeting was set for February 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. The Commission was in agreement with this date and time.

- That the Ninth Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration was to take place on Friday, January 15, 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.. The event was entitled, “Embracing Brotherhood: Rising Above Personal Confines”, and was free and open to the public.
- That submissions for the IMC 2010 Film Festival were due January 20, 2010. The festival dates were reported as being February 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion and Planning Session for FY 10-11 Program Plan**

Ms. Hochhalter facilitated this discussion. The members of the Commission participated in an exercise wherein proposed projects for FY 10-11 were written out on large sheets of paper and placed on the wall. Each member of the Commission present at this meeting then placed differently-colored dots next to each project, each color indicating a different implementation timeframe. Following this exercise, Ms. Hochhalter reported to the Commission on the preferences of Commissioner Ross, who was unable to attend this meeting; Ms. Ross had forwarded her preferences to Ms. Hochhalter prior to the meeting. Following further discussion of the proposed projects, Mr. Hall requested that City staff process the information gained from the aforementioned exercise and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

With no motion or second thereto for adjournment, Mr. Hall adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator