



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### *Economic Development Division*

## **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report December 8th, 2009 – January 7, 2010**

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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.

### **Update on Current Projects**

- Gallery District Incentive Program—continued inquiries and business participation.
- Urbana Arts Grants Program—entered into agreement with all 20 projects, and projects are underway. Staff is receiving inquiries on the 2010 Grants and coordinating Juries and finalizing review process. Deadline is January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Urbana Sculpture Project—Four sculptures were approved on December 15<sup>th</sup>. All artists have been notified. Staff is finalizing the agreements and the installation process.
- Lecture Series—staff met with the subcommittee to discuss program planning
- Storefront Art Series—staff met with the subcommittee to discuss program planning
- Fundraising—Staff is working to clarify the process by which the Commission can fundraise
- City Building Exhibit Space—staff is working with the Mayor on coordinating the first artist for the program. Considering the name “Artist of the Corridor” for the program name.
- Grants—staff is working on Illinois Cultural Data Project registration and considering projects for Illinois Arts Council Program Grant, due March 15<sup>th</sup> with project activity between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011.
  
- Projects with Partners:
  - 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees
  - 40 North | 88 West Urbana Boneyard Arts Festival Committee
  - Art in the Park Installation by John David Mooney
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Public Art Project in King Park Planning with Urbana Park District
  - Urbana Business Association Downtown Committee

### **Upcoming Events**

- Public Arts Commission Meeting tentative date: February 9, 2010, 4:30pm
  
- 9th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration, Embracing Brotherhood: “Rising Above Personal Confines”, on Friday, January 15, 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1501 South Neil Street, Champaign, IL, 4pm - 5pm. This event is free and open to the public.
  
- IMC 2010 Film Festival submissions due: January 20<sup>th</sup>. Festival dates: February 5-7<sup>th</sup>.