



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### *Economic Development Division*

## **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. Shared Space: Artist Co-op is the newest business participant, located at 123 W. Main Street.
- Urbana Arts Grants Program—2009 Projects underway. Final Reports are being submitted. Attached are reports from the Folk and Roots Music Festival, Lori Caterini, the IMC Film Fest, and Jennifer Monson. 2010 applicants have been informed of their award status. Agreements are being finalized with grantees.
- Urbana Sculpture Project—Staff provided an update at the Southeast Urbana Neighborhood Business meeting on the Philo Road Sculptures. Staff is finalizing the agreements and installation with the remaining three artists for the Philo Road and Green Street installations.
- Fundraising—Staff is working with the City Legal Division to clarify the process by which the Commission can fund raise. Additional information is provided in the staff memo enclosed in the packet.
- City Building Exhibit Space—The Artist of the Corridor Spring 2010 exhibit was installed. The work will be on display for the quarter (March – May). Artists interested in exhibiting in the City Building should submit a letter of interest, resume, and digital images of artwork to Anna Hochhalter at [alhochhalter@city.urbana.il.us](mailto:alhochhalter@city.urbana.il.us)
- UPTV Arts Program—the subcommittee and staff
- Program Grants—staff is working on an application for the Illinois Arts Council Program Grant. The deadline is April 20, 2010. The City's application to the National Endowment for the Arts Access to Artistic Excellence grant was not selected for funding this year.
- Marketing: Regularly updating the Facebook page which has 253 fans. A Program ad was included in the News Gazette's Design an Ad program on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff is also updating the Arts Guide and the Public Arts Program brochure.
- Projects with Partners:
  - 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Public Art Project in King Park with Urbana Park District
  - Urbana Business Association

### **Upcoming Events**

- Public Arts Commission Meeting date: May 11th, 4:30 PM.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Boneyard Arts Festival, April 15 – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- ART WORK: A National Conversation about Art, Labor, and Economics, May 1<sup>st</sup> 3:30–5:00PM, at the Urbana Free Library Auditorium, 210 W. Green Street. Additional information is attached.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE— **April 1, 2010**

## **Urbana Hosts Community Dialogue on Art, Labor, and Economics**

The City of Urbana Public Arts Program invites public participation in a community dialogue entitled “Art Work: a National Conversation on Art, Labor, and Economics”. On May 1, 2010, from 3:30 – 5:00PM, join artists Brett Bloom and Salem Collo-Jullin of Temporary Services and other guests to discuss the topic. The discussion will take place in the Urbana Free Library Lewis Auditorium, at 210 West Green Street in Urbana.

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This project is hosted by the Urbana Public Arts Program in recognition of the need to further community dialogue on timely issues related to the arts and society.

The Urbana Public Arts Program works to create a city where artists thrive and are valued, and where all residents can engage with the arts in its many forms.

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