



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report November 5th, 2010 – January 6th, 2011

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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

- Urbana Arts Grants Program—2009 and 2010 projects are being completed and reported. The 2011 grant cycle application materials were made available on November 16th and are being accepted until January 10th, 2011. Information is available on-line at: www.urbanaininois.us/artsgrants.
- City Building Exhibit Space—The current Artist of the Corridor exhibit began on November 30th, featuring the work of Phil Strang. Strang's exhibit will be on display until January 31st. Additionally, UPTV created a short feature on the program. It can be viewed on-line at: www.facebook.com/urbanapublicarts
- *Art Now!* UPTV Arts Program—The program continues to run on UPTV each Monday from 6:30pm – 7:00pm. Commission members Sarah Ross and Pat Sammann interviewed the following artists in 2010: Chris Starkey, Roger Blakley and Cecilia Allen, Gerald Guthrie, Aaron Ammons, Amy Rueffert and Bonnie Fortune, and Kate Kuper. Videos of the interviews can be viewed on-line at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- Marketing: Staff is regularly updating the Facebook page which has 329 fans. Staff is also working with University professors Jimmy Luu and Jennifer Gunji-Ballsrud on a project in which their graphic design class will make suggestions on marketing strategies and styles for the Public Arts Program.
- FY11-12 Public Arts Program Planning—staff is preparing the planning process for the upcoming FY11-12 program plan. Attached is the FY10-11 Program Plan for review.
- Staff Update: Christina McClelland has accepted the Public Arts Coordinator position. Her first day in the office is January 12, 2011.
- Recent Projects with Partners:
 - 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees
 - Urbana Business Association

Upcoming Events

- Public Arts Commission Meeting date: February 8th, 4:30 PM.