

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

**APPROVED**

**DATE:** February 8, 2011

**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.

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

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Geoffrey Bant, Robin Hall, Barbara Hedlund, Robert Lewis, Patricia Sammann, Mary-Ann Winkelmes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheryl Hayden, Ilona Matkovszki, Sarah Ross

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Carrino, Economic Development Division Manager; Christina McClelland, Public Arts Coordinator; Sukiya J. Robinson, 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 4:36 p.m. by Chair Robin Hall. Christina McClelland 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 January 11, 2011 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Ms. Winkelmes 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**

Mr. Hall stated that there would be a report on the Royer Historic District at the next meeting.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ms. McClelland presented the City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining projects in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

For an update on current projects, she reported the following:

- With regards to the Urbana Arts Grant Program, Ms. McClelland reported that the juries met that past weekend and made recommendations and would be meeting with the UBA on the Business Backs the Arts subcommittee the following week. She stated that those recommendations would come to the Commission in March.
- With regards to the City Building Exhibit Space, Ms. McClelland reported that the current Artist of the Corridor exhibit began on February 2, featuring the work of Hua Nian and would be on display until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. McClelland stated she was working with Hua Nian to schedule a closing for sometime in March.
- With regards to marketing, Ms. McClelland reported that City staff had been regularly updating the Public Arts Program's *Facebook* page, which as of this meeting had 336 fans. She also stated she had been doing some research on an email newsletter and a Twitter account.
- With regards to the FY11-12 Public Arts Program Planning, Ms. McClelland reported that staff was preparing the planning process for the upcoming FY11-12 program plan. She stated that the meeting, which is scheduled for March, would be a workshop style meeting and would most likely occur on the second level of the City Building.
- For upcoming events, Ms. McClelland reported that the date for the next Public Arts Commission meeting was set for March 8, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. She stated that the Boneyard Creek Improvements Project Public Meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2011 from 6-8pm at the Urbana Civic Center. Ms. McClelland also stated that the Public Arts Commission would invite public input on opportunities for art in the Boneyard Creek Improvements Project at that meeting.

- **Presentation by Staff: Update on Public Arts Commission Fundraising**

Mr. Carrino reported that the meeting with the Legal Division had been rescheduled and was set for the following day so he had no update on fundraising at that time.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Subcommittee update on the Boneyard Creek Improvement Project**

Mr. Carrino introduced this agenda item. He reported that the subcommittee had met and gave a brief update on their progress. A discussion of the matter by members of the Commission and Staff ensued.

- **Review of Public Arts Program Plans for FY10-11 and Discussion of FY 11-12 Program Plan**

Ms. McClelland briefly reviewed the FY 10-11 Program Plan and discussed portions of the FY 11-12 Program Plan. She stated that a more in-depth discussion of the FY 11-12 Plan would occur at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. A discussion of the matter by members of the Commission and Staff ensued.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Carrino announced that there was a Boneyard Arts Festival/UBA mixer taking place that evening starting at 5pm at 88 Broadway in Lincoln Square. Mr. Hall reiterated that the Public Arts Commission meeting was scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> and that the Boneyard Creek Improvements Public Meeting was set for March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Sammann made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Hedlund seconded the motion. With no further business, Mr. Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Christina McClelland, Public Arts Coordinator