

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: November 13, 2012

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregory Chew, Barbara Hedlund, John Morrison, Patricia Sammann, Ginny Waaler, Mary-Ann Winkelmes

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ilona Matkovski

STAFF PRESENT: Christina McClelland, Public Arts Coordinator; Sukiya J. Robinson, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: David Adcock, Carmen Cheung, David Chih, Sandra Hannum, Mai-Lin Poun

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Ms. Sammann. 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 August 14, 2012 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Ms. Waaler made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Morrison 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 2012 Urbana Arts Grant Recipient Report: Prairie Crossroads Blues Society**

Ms. Sammann introduced David Adcock and Sandy Hannum from Prairie Crossroads Blues Society. They gave a slideshow presentation on their project, in which they went into Wiley Elementary and taught students basic harmonica skills and the history of the blues. Fifteen 3rd & 4th grade students participated in this program that met afterschool one day a week for six weeks. They thanked the Commission for the grant received. At the conclusion of the report, questions and comments from the Commission were heard

- **Presentation by 2012 Urbana Arts Grant Recipient Report: Asian American Cultural Center**

Ms. Sammann introduced Carmen Cheung, senior at the University of Illinois, and intern at the Asian American Cultural Center. Ms. Cheung reported on their event which had over 300 attendees, comprised of community members, students, staff and volunteers. This event allowed the public to be educated and engage in many different arts and performances of the Asian culture. Ms. Cheung thanked the Commission for the grant received. At the conclusion of the report, questions and comments from the Commission were heard.

- **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:

- Ms. McClelland announced that there were two months left for Commission members to complete their Open Meetings Act training.
- With regards to the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Project Subcommittee, Ms. McClelland reported that City Staff was negotiating a contract with the Urbana Park District on ownership and maintenance of the finished sculpture. She stated that further updates would be provided during the Old Business portion of the meeting.
- With regards to the Urbana Arts Grant Program, Ms. McClelland reported that the 2013 Urbana Arts Grants Application Program Guidelines and Application were released on October 31st. The online application is accessible at <https://urbana.myreviewroom.com>. She stated that Staff would be holding five public Grant Workshops in November and December: two at University of Illinois, two at Parkland College, and one at the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center.
- With regards to the Boneyard Creek Public Art, Ms. McClelland reported that updates on the project would be provided during the Old Business portion of the meeting.
- With regards to Downtown Arts Planning, Ms. McClelland reported that the Downtown Arts subcommittee met on November 8th to discuss future arts initiatives in downtown Urbana.
- With regards to Fundraising, Ms. McClelland reported that the Fundraising subcommittee met on November 8th to discuss fundraising ideas that correspond with the temporary sculptures on display. She also stated that a PayPal donation button had been added to the Urbana Public Arts Program website.
- With regards to the Urbana Sculpture Project, Ms. McClelland reported that all three sculptures

selected in partnership with the Public Art League, *Fortitude IV*, *The Wind in the Trees*, and *Splintering Continuity*, had been installed.

- With regards to Art in the Schools, Ms. McClelland reported that with interest from both King School and Douglas Kornfeld, the King Park artist, the subcommittee was considering school-wide programming in conjunction with the development and installation of the public art piece.
- With regards to Joseph Royer Arts and Architecture District, Ms. McClelland reported that Staff was working with the subcommittee to get a Royer plaque for the Urbana Landmark Hotel produced.
- With regards to *Art Now!*, Ms. McClelland reported that the November episode featured an interview with artist and University of Illinois professor, Billie Theide.
- With regards to Arts Programming at the Market, Ms. McClelland reported that the August (The IDEA Store and the Aduro Trio), September (Traci Pines and the Turinos), and October (Shard Threads Workspace and Los Guapos) Art at the Market events were successful, with 125, 100, and 56 people participating respectively.
- With regards to the Artist of the Corridor, Ms. McClelland reported that the current show, "Recent Work," featured drawings by William Lawrence Deverell and would be on display through January 31, 2013. She stated that a reception was held from 4:00-5:00 PM on November 7, 2012.
- 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 507 fans. She also stated that the Urbana Public Arts Twitter account, which could be followed @urbanapublicart, as of this meeting had 429 followers. Ms. McClelland reported that a monthly e-mail newsletter had been sent to 488 subscribers on August 13th, August 27th, September 10th, September 26th, October 11th, and October 31st.
- With regards to Dedication for Art in the Park, Ms. McClelland reported that a public dedication for artist John David Mooney's Art in the Park sculptures, *Spirit Tree* and *Falling Leaf*, was held on October 13th with an attendance of eighty people.
- With regards to the ISC Biannual Conference, Ms. McClelland reported that she attended the Biannual International Sculpture Center Conference in Chicago, IL from October 3-6. The focus of the conference was "Public Art: Process, Patron, Public."
- With regards to the American Planning Association Illinois Chapter Annual Conference, Ms. McClelland reported that she led a Mobile Workshop called "Art and About in Urbana" on September 20th as part of the APA IL Chapter's Annual Conference, held in Champaign-Urbana. The tour included viewing the Murals on Glass project and recently installed sculptures, visiting a downtown gallery, a stop at Art in the Park, discussion of the Artist of the Corridor and Urbana Arts Grants program, and a tour of Meadowbrook Park.
- With regards to the Illinois Arts Council Individual Artist Grants Workshop, Ms. McClelland reported that the Urbana Public Arts Program was awarded a 2013 Illinois Arts Council Visual Arts Program Grant for general operating support for the third consecutive year. The grant is for \$3,250.
- With regards to the Illinois Arts Council Individual Artist Grant Workshop, Ms. McClelland reported that thirty-two people attended the Individual Artist Grant Workshop by the Illinois Arts Council that the Urbana Public Arts Program hosted on Wednesday, August 29, 2012.
- Ms. McClelland congratulated Urbana Public Arts Commissioners Pat Sammann, Barbara Hedlund, and Greg Chew for their ACE Award nominations in October!
- For upcoming events, Ms. McClelland stated that the Boneyard Creek Beautifications Project

Groundbreaking Ceremony would take place the next day, November 14th at 3:00 PM in the Urbana School District Parking Lot on the northwest corner of Griggs Street and Race Street. She also stated that the date for the next Public Arts Commission meeting was set for December 11, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

- Ms. McClelland announced that John Morrison had joined the King Park subcommittee, and Mary-Ann Winkelmes had joined the Fundraising subcommittee.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- **Update on Public Art Projects**

Ms. Sammann introduced this agenda item. Ms. McClelland gave a brief update on the Boneyard Creek and King Park projects. For the Boneyard Creek Beautification Project, she reported that the project had been slightly delayed due to costs. Following cost reducing measures, O'Neil brothers were awarded the general contract. Overall the design is the same, but Jack Mackie had to change some designs and an additional \$3500 was added to the costs. She stated that the project is now in the construction phase and that the projected end date would be June 15, 2014.

For the King Park Public Art Project, Ms. McClelland reported that Douglas Kornfeld came to visit Urbana in September. He presented a preliminary concept on November 2nd, but the committee felt that it didn't catch the active nature of MLK. Ms. McClelland stated that Mr. Kornfeld had agreed to put together a different concept. She stated that all funds must be spent by December 1, 2013 so there would be plenty of time to complete the project. She stated that more information would be available at the next meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Chew announced that the Illinois High School Theatre Festival would take place in Champaign-Urbana from January 10th -12th at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and all over campus.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hedlund made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Chew seconded the motion. With no further business, Ms. Sammann declared the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Submitted,
Christina McClelland, Public Arts Coordinator