



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report November 9, 2012 – January 10, 2013

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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

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Project Subcommittee:** Updates on this project will be provided during the Old Business portion of the meeting.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** 2013 Urbana Arts Grant applications are due on January 16, 2013 by 5:00 PM. The online application is accessible at <https://urbana.myreviewroom.com>. The five public Grant Workshops led by staff were attended by a total of 59 people. One of the workshops was recorded by UPTV and is available online.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Jack Mackie is working with the design team and contractors as the construction phase of the project progresses.
- **Downtown Arts:** The Downtown Arts subcommittee met on January 8 to discuss projects for the FY 13-14 year.
- **Fundraising:** The Fundraising subcommittee met on January 8 to discuss Keep It or Change It, an idea to solicit donations toward the temporary sculptures on display. The subcommittee plans to further develop this idea, with an anticipated presentation to the Commission in February.
- **Annual Planning:** Staff is coordinating meetings with each subcommittee to begin planning programming and budget for FY 13-14.
- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** Staff attended the Public Art League's Installation Celebration on December 13. The Public Arts Commission was recognized for their partnership with PAL to sponsor *The Wind in the Trees*, *Fortitude IV*, and *Splintering Continuity*.
- **Joseph Royer Arts and Architecture District:** A Royer plaque for the Urbana Landmark Hotel is in production.
- **Art Now!:** Pat Sammann interviewed glass artist James Downey for December's episode. In January's episode, Greg Chew interviewed the Champaign Movie Makers, a local film collective. See both episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current show is on display through January 31, 2013 and features drawings by William Lawrence Deverell. The February- April Artist of the Corridor will be students from Wiley Elementary school.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 540 fans and 471 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent on November 7, November 26, December 3, December 17, and January 8. There are currently 524 subscribers to the

e-mail newsletter list. In 2012 the program gained 124 Facebook likes, 276 Twitter followers, and 109 e-mail subscribers.

Upcoming Events

- January meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- February meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.