



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report March 27, 2013 – May 7, 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:** A contract with Preston Jackson, a budget amendment for additional funding for the project, and a mutual release with Douglas Kornfeld were approved by City Council on April 15, 2013. More information on Preston Jackson's visit to Urbana and preliminary concept for the project will be provided during the old business portion of the meeting.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** Written final reports for 2012 Urbana Arts Grant projects are due by May 30, 2013. 2013 Urbana Arts Grant projects are in progress.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Jack Mackie is working with the design team and contractors as the construction phase of the project progresses.
- **Fundraising:** The Keep It or Change It fundraising campaign launch has been moved to mid-September.
- **Annual Planning:** The FY13-14 Program Plan was approved by City Council on April 29, 2013.
- **Art Now!:** In May's episode Pat Sammann interviews painter Judy Jones. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** Paintings by visiting Chinese artist Liu Jungang were displayed from April 15-25, 2013. A public reception was attended by 55 people on April 20, 2013. A dinner followed at Silvercreek. The current Artist of the Corridor show features photos of Urbana's Market at the Square and will be on display through July 2013.
- **Art at the Market:** The schedule of five Art at the Market workshops and performance events is available at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops>
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 597 fans and 617 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent to 533 subscribers on April 8, 17, and 29, 2013.
- **Grants:** Staff has not yet been notified of the status of the application for FY13-14 general operating support in the local arts agency category from the Illinois Arts Council. The grant application from the Efroymsen Family Fund Cultural Tourism Development for additional resources for the Performance at the Market series was not selected for funding.
- **Public Arts Intern:** Julianne Heuel, the spring Public Arts Intern, had her last day on May 7. She will be working with the Elmhurst Arts Museum's summer art camp as a camp counselor. Yoojin Hong will assist the Urbana Public Arts Program in July and

August as the summer Public Arts Intern.

Upcoming Events

- May meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- June meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.