



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report May 8, 2013 – June 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:** An addendum to the contract with Preston Jackson to commission his design will be presented to the Commission during the old business portion of the meeting.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** Written final reports for 2012 Urbana Arts Grant projects were due on 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 subcommittee:** The subcommittee met on May 28 to plan for the Keep It or Change It campaign, to be launched in early September.
- **Urbana Arts Grants subcommittee:** The subcommittee met on May 28 to evaluate the 2013 Urbana Arts Grants cycle and plan for the 2014 cycle. Urbana Arts Grant applications for 2014 are planned to be released in late September and be due in early December.
- **Murals on Glass:** The application for the 2013-2014 display cycle of was released on June 7, 2013. The display sites for this cycle will be the south tower of the downtown Urbana parking deck, the Urbana Business Association office windows, and the east windows of the Urbana Civic Center.
- **Art Now!:** In June's episode Pat Sammann interviews photographer and assemblage artist Melissa Mitchell. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** 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 May Art at the Market event, featuring a printmaking workshop with Lisa Kesler and music by Desafinado, was attended by 142 people. The June 22 Art at the Market event will feature a "T-Shirt to Tote Bag" workshop by Makerspace Urbana and music by Los Guapos. The full schedule of this summer's Art at the Market events is available at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops>
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 606 fans and 659 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent to 531 subscribers on May 22 and 25, 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. Staff has been asked to serve as a reviewer for the FY14 Illinois Arts Council program

grants in the Visual Arts category.

- **Public Arts Intern:** Yoojin Hong will assist the Urbana Public Arts Program in July and August as the summer Public Arts Intern.

Upcoming Events

- June meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- July meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers