



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report February 11, 2014 – March 11, 2014

Prepared by Lisa Hatchadoorian, Public Arts Coordinator

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:** The sculpture dedication is to take place on Saturday, April 19th, 2014. More details to follow as far as specific events.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** Jury panel recommendations for 2014 Urbana Arts Grants will be presented during the New Business portion of the meeting.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Jack Mackie is working with the design team and contractors as the last phase of the project progresses towards completion this summer.
- **Fundraising:** Staff went to a meeting with the IL Community Foundation. This could be a solution to fundraising if we create a foundation through them.
- **Marketing subcommittee:** The Marketing subcommittee is in the process of meeting, but Staff has been working to promote Public Arts along with other City programs through new avenues.
- **Downtown Arts subcommittee:** The Downtown Arts subcommittee is in the process of meeting and planning for possible Boneyard events this summer to coincide with the unveiling of the Jack Mackie installation along Boneyard Creek.
- **Annual Planning:** As the Public Arts Budget is still under review, the budgeting discussion for FY14-15 Annual Planning will take place during the April 8, 2014 Public Arts Commission meeting.
- **Art Now!:** In the March episode, Rosalind Faiman Weinberg, painter and printmaker, was profiled. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** A new Artist of the Corridor exhibition opened on February 28. Jason Patterson's (Urbana, IL) portrait paintings of recent historical figures are on display until May 4, 2014.
- **Art at the Market:** Staff has worked with the Director of the Market at the Square to reserve the following Art at the Market dates for the 2014 Market season: May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13. Staff will conduct a call for artists for the workshops and performances the week of March 10th.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 677 fans and 825 followers, respectively.
- **Grants:** Staff is drafting the grant application for FY14-15 for general operating support in the local arts agency category from the Illinois Arts Council and actively looking for other grant opportunities.

Upcoming Events

- 2014 Urbana Arts Grants Announcement Celebration, date to be announced (late March).
- April meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- April 19th: King Park Sculpture Dedication
- April 10-13th: Boneyard Arts Festival
- May 3: Market on the Square Begins