

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

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TO: Public Arts Commission
FROM: Pauline Tannos, Public Arts Coordinator
DATE: March 3rd, 2016
SUBJECT: **Final Grant Report by Mara Thacker from Midwest Mandeng**

Update

Mara Thacker and Jamie McGowan have completed their project, The 2015 African Drum and Dance Festival, Midwest Mandeng, which in 2015 was awarded a \$5,000 Urbana Festivals grant. Among the festival's activities were 16 workshops and a marketplace.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Public Arts Commission review the attached final report, submitted by Jamie McGowan and Mara Thacker. Commissioners are encouraged to share their comments or ask questions about The 2015 African Drum and Dance Festival in response to Ms. Thacker's final presentation at the March 8th meeting.

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Attachment A. Midwest Mandeng Final Report