

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: April 10, 2018

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Chambers, Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erica Cooper-Peyton, Katie Harrell, Barbara Hedlund, Eric Jakobsson, Jenelle Orcherton, Jason Patterson, Patricia Sammann, Jessica Snyder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Boys, Economic Development Manager; Rachel Storm, Public Arts Coordinator; Sukiya J. Reid, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Dulcee Boehm, Nohemi Campos, Hannah Campos-Rajano, Anna Maria Escobar, Cory Imig, Patricia Leon, Gonzalo Pinilla, Alejandra Seufferheld

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Sammann. Ms. Reid took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Ms. Sammann stated that the grant presentation for Tasleem Jamila would be moved to the May meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Ms. Sammann made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jakobsson seconded the motion. All Commission members present were in favor of approval, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- **Presentation by 2017 Arts Grant Recipient: Luis Gonzalo Pinilla, *Colored Voices of the World***

Ms. Sammann introduced Luis Gonzalo Pinilla, visual artist and Patricia Leon, photographer. They gave a presentation of their project titled, *Colored Voices of the World*. Ms. Leon stated that the purpose of this project was to engage the Dr. Preston Williams elementary school students in an artistic project aimed to create a mural based on the principles of diversity, equity, and cooperation. The project incorporated reflections on identity as it relates to the experience of living in a culturally diverse community. 19 students from 4th-5th grades, and 11 parents participated in the project. It took place over 8 Saturdays from 1-4pm. Mr. Pinilla stated that the project was split into different phases. The first phase was a workshop with the children from the school to create sketches on paper for the mural. The second phase integrated families, and the children actually painted the sketches. The last phase was the installation of the pieces of the mural in the hallway of the school. Mr. Pinilla stated that they were thinking of releasing a calendar with the final piece. He and Ms. Leon also created a Tumblr page on which they blogged the entire process of the project. Mr. Pinilla and Ms. Leon thanked the Commission for the grant received. At the conclusion of the report, questions and comments from the Commission were heard.

- **Presentation by 2018 Arts Grant Recipient: Cory Imig and Dulcee Boehm, *Beyond Alternatives***

Ms. Sammann introduced artists, Cory Imig and Dulcee Boehm. They gave a presentation on their project titled, *Beyond Alternatives*, which was a 3-day symposium focused on artist-led organizing outside of large metro areas. It took place from April 6-8, 2018 at three different locations in Champaign-Urbana. People all over the country from Washington State to New York City were involved in the project. Ms. Imig stated that this project was focused on being in the Central Illinois Region, especially Urbana and the work and arts that are happening here. Ms. Boehm stated that the project was meant to bring critical minds together of those already doing arts organizing and collaborations. There were 10 symposium presenters and one keynote speaker for the project. Ms. Imig and Ms. Boehm thanked the Commission for the grant received. At the conclusion of the report, questions and comments from the Commission were heard.

- **Presentation by Staff: Monthly Progress Report**

Ms. Storm presented the City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining projects in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sammann made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Hedlund seconded the motion. With no further business, Ms. Sammann declared the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Submitted,
Sukiya J. Reid, Recording Secretary