

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11-031R

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC ARTS TASK FORCE TO CREATE A PERMANENT PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM AND STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, art, in all its many forms, is an essential attribute of a quality community;

WHEREAS, many communities throughout the United States have adopted public arts programs to enhance their communities;

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council's Goals include the establishment of a public arts commission, a dedicated revenue stream, and the commemoration of local and multi cultural traditions and histories;

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council as stated in its Council Goals, desires to integrate art into "every feasible public works project," and to promote functional and streetscape art; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a public arts task force is an appropriate "first step" towards the creation of a permanent public arts commission and funding stream,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. A Public Arts Task Force is hereby created for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of creating a permanent public arts program for Urbana.

Section 2. Composition. The Task Force shall be comprised of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Members of the Task Force shall be chosen from a diverse range of backgrounds, occupations, and artistic venues, with the intention of reflecting the full diversity of the Urbana arts community. At least one (1) member of the City Council shall serve on the Task Force.

Section 3. Dates and Responsibilities. The Task Force shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) To formulate and recommend a permanent public arts commission and program to the Mayor and City Council.
- (b) To explore options for a dedicated revenue stream for public arts development and deployment.
- (c) To review public arts programs in other communities as templates for the creation of a program appropriate in Urbana.
- (d) To hold public meetings and gather public input regarding the type of public arts program and structure which should be enacted by the Mayor and City Council
- (e) To heighten the public awareness of and sensitivity to, the arts in the creation and development of public works throughout the City.

In carrying out these duties and responsibilities, the Task Force shall treat the Council's 2005 Goals regarding public art as a mission statement for the Task Force and the development of its priorities.

Section 4. Meetings. The Task Force shall meet at least once a month. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum. To the extent possible, all meetings shall be televised by UPTV.

Section 5. Staffing. The Task Force shall be staffed by the City's Public Arts Coordinator, under the supervision of the Economic Development Manager and with support from the City Community Development Services Department and other City Departments, as needed.

Section 6. Reports. The Task Force shall provide regular updates to the City Council on the status of its work, with its permanent recommendations to be made within six (6) months of its creation, unless an extension of time is granted by the Mayor. The Task Force shall automatically sunset when its recommendations are tendered.

Section 7. Performance of Duties. The Task Force shall perform such other and further duties as may be delegated to it by the Mayor and City Council.

Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2006.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2006

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor