

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

APPROVED

DATE: June 9, 2009

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Hall, Barbara Hedlund, Robert Lewis, Patricia Sammann

MEMBERS ABSENT: Geoffrey Bant, Katherine Lamb, Michele Plante, Sarah Ross

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator; Tom Carrino, Economic Development Manager; Tony Weck, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Ross, Brenda Koenig

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chair Robin Hall. Anna Hochhalter took roll and a quorum was declared.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

A revised agenda was provided to the Commission, City staff and to the public.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Sammann 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

- **Guest Presentation: Mike Ross, Director of Krannert Center for Performing Arts**

Mike Ross, Director of the Krannert Center for Performing Arts, gave a brief presentation to the Commission. Mr. Ross outlined the mission of the Krannert Center and expressed his appreciation to the Commission for advocating the arts in Urbana. Questions and comments from the Commission were addressed following Mr. Ross's presentation.

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

Ms. Hochhalter presented City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining ongoing projects, projects in development, staff activities, a financial report and Commission member status, and upcoming events. For ongoing projects, she reported the following in regards to Art in Infrastructure projects: that a call for art was in preparation for the Iron Post Sculpture Project; that a call for art was in preparation for the Philo Road Beautification Project; that the Downtown Newspaper Rack project had been approved by Champaign County and that coordination with the artist was continuing.

In regards to projects with partners, Ms. Hochhalter reported on the following: activities relating to her participation on the 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees; that the Urbana Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival Arts Boulevard was seeking arts and crafts vendors; that the Gallery District Incentive Program was receiving continued business participation; progress with the Urbana Business Association Business Backs the Arts initiative; that juries had reviewed and made recommendations regarding applications submitted for the Arts Grants Program; that the Arts at the Market program was planning a workshop for June 13; that there had been a meeting of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Planning Committee.

In regards to projects in development, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following: that continued research was needed in regards to the Storefront Arts Series Project; progress with the City Hall Art Exhibition Space Program; that the Spring Lecture Series was planned to continue Fall 2009; that a plan was in place for Fall 2009 for UPTV bi-monthly programming featuring local artists.

For staff activities, Ms. Hochhalter reported on the following: that she had discussed the Public Arts Program on the City's economic development show on UPTV (*Building Urbana*) on May 13; that the Annual Public Arts Program Plan for fiscal year 2009-10 had been presented to and approved by the Mayor and City Council on May 26; that she had met with Commissioner Bant regarding Arts at the Market; that she had coordinated the Arts at the Market ceramic tile workshop on May 30; that she had coordinated the Chinese Goose Plaque dedication event on May 30; that she had represented the City at the One State Arts Conference in Peoria on June 1.

Regarding the Financial Report and Commission Member Status, Ms. Hochhalter provided a financial report to the Commission, showing revenues and expenditures of the Public Arts

Program. She also provided an update on the status of each member of the Commission. It was noted that Commissioner Plante had resigned.

For upcoming events, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following: that Arts at the Market workshops were scheduled for June 13 and July 11 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Market at the Square; that the Urbana Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival was to take place June 26 and 27 in downtown Urbana.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Urbana Arts Grants Award Recommendations**

Ms. Hochhalter gave a brief report to the Commission on the Arts Grants Program applications received by City staff. She noted that the applications had been reviewed and presented recommendations for grant recipients to the Commission. The Commission briefly discussed the recommendations, after which Ms. Sammann made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were made by Ms. Hochhalter and Ms. Hedlund.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sammann. With no further discussion and with all Commission members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted,

Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator