

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

**APPROVED**

**DATE:** July 14, 2009

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

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

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Geoffrey Bant, Robin Hall, Barbara Hedlund, Robert Lewis, Sarah Ross, Patricia Sammann

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Katherine Lamb

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ralph Langenheim

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Robin Hall. Anna Hochhalter took roll and a quorum was declared.

**2. CHANGES TO AGENDA**

There were none.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hall 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 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 in regards to the Urbana Sculpture project, the Iron Post and Philo Road projects had been combined in to one Call for Art and finalization of the Philo Road location details was ongoing; that the Downtown Newspaper Rack project had been approved by the Champaign County Board and a draft agreement had been presented to the Urbana City Council on July 13, 2009.

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 she had facilitated the Urbana Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival Arts Boulevard and that a \$295 donation was received from Fluid Events; that the Gallery District Incentive Program was receiving continued business participation; that the Urbana Arts Program was working with the Urbana Business Association to finalize funding; that the Arts at the Market program was planning workshops for August 15, September 12, and October 10.

In regards to projects in development, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following: that she was coordinating a meeting with City department heads 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 met with Commissioner Sammann to discuss upcoming grant opportunities and that staff was in the process of preparing an NEA Visual Art Grant application for the August 13 deadline; that she had coordinated the Arts at the Market workshop on June 13 and was preparing for the workshop on July 11; that the City welcome brochure and Arts Guide brochure were being updated.

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.

For upcoming events, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following: that an Arts at the Market workshop was scheduled for August 15 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Market at the Square.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Urbana Arts Grants Update**

Ms. Hochhalter gave a brief report to the Commission on the Arts Grants Program. She briefly reviewed with the Commission those who had been awarded grant funding.

- **Commission Member Communications**

There were none.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Discussion of Statement on Vandalism of Public Art Installation by Edgar Heap of Birds [Sarah Ross]**

Ms. Ross provided a statement written by both Edgar Heap of Birds and herself outlining the damage that had been done by vandals to the “Beyond the Chief” art installation by Mr. Heap of Birds. At the conclusion of her statement, Ms. Ross asked the Commission to consider passing a formal resolution condemning the attacks on the aforementioned installation. Mr. Hall suggested that the statement be broadened to include all public art installations, not just those of Edgar Heap of Birds. Ms. Ross made a motion that the Commission formally condemn vandalism of all public art installations in Champaign-Urbana at large. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Hochhalter suggested that the motion stipulate that this action is on behalf of the Urbana Public Arts Commission and not the City as a whole. Ms. Hochhalter’s suggestion being accepted by Ms. Ross and Mr. Lewis, a voice vote was taken. With all Commission members in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Hochhalter recommended a new regular meeting day for the Commission due to future scheduling conflicts. The Commission agreed to consider a new regular meeting day. Ms. Hochhalter also proposed that the regular Commission meeting for August be cancelled. There were no Commissioners in opposition.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An announcement was made by Ms. Hedlund.

**9. 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 7:52 p.m.

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Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator