

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

APPROVED

DATE: October 13, 2009

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Geoffrey Bant, Robin Hall, Barbara Hedlund, Patricia Sammann

MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Lamb, Robert Lewis, Sarah Ross, Ilona Matkovszki

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 5:21 p.m. by Chair Robin Hall. Anna Hochhalter took roll; a quorum was not present at this meeting.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Due to the lack of a quorum at this meeting, the minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting were not reviewed by the Commission and no motion was made in regards to the same. Approval was deferred to the next regular Commission meeting.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- **Introduction of new Commission member, Ilona Matkovszki**

Ms. Matkovszki was not in attendance at this meeting, therefore this agenda item was deferred.

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

Ms. Hochhalter presented City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining current projects, projects in development, staff activities, a financial report and Commission member status, and upcoming events. For an update on current projects, she reported the following:

- The Arts at the Market program had finished a successful season of art workshops at Market at the Square, having served approximately 150-200 people once per month for six months;
- The Gallery District Incentive Program was receiving continuing business participation; that the Urbana Arts Grants Program was processing 21 agreements and that many projects were underway. Ms. Hochhalter reported that she was finalizing the artist agreement, working on insurance issues;
- The Call for Art was open until October 19, 2009 for the Urbana Sculpture Project. Eight applications had been received as of this meeting, with more anticipated;
- In regards to the Downtown Newspaper Rack Project, the City Council decided on September 8, 2009 to no longer pursue the proposed "Urbanastand" newspaper rack due to financial constraints and other concerns. Ms. Hochhalter noted that the City will pursue a commercial modular rack without the public art component to be placed at the Champaign County Courthouse location;
- In regards to projects with partners, Ms. Hochhalter reported on her activities as a member of the 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and a member of 40 North | 88 West committees, the Art in the Park installation by John David Mooney, the King Park project with the Urbana Park District, and the University of Illinois Landscape Architecture studio class.

In regards to projects in development, Ms. Hochhalter reported on the following:

- That she had met with the Urbana Business Association and 40 North | 88 West in regards to the Storefront Arts Series project
- That the curation process needs to be finalized with regards to the City Hall Art Exhibition Space program
- That the Spring Lecture Series was planning a meeting for October 2009
- That a meeting was to be scheduled in November 2009 regarding the UPTV bi-monthly programming featuring local artists

For additional staff activities, Ms. Hochhalter reported on the following:

- That City staff had submitted an NEA Visual Art grant application for the August 13, 2009 deadline
- That City staff was updating the Arts Guide brochure

For upcoming events, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following:

- That the Champaign County Arts, Culture & Entertainment (ACE) Awards ceremony was to be held October 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the High Dive in Champaign
- That the Urbana Arts Grant-writing workshop, hosted by 40 North | 88 West, was tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2009

6. OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion and approval of 2010 Urbana Arts Grant Program Guidelines**

Ms. Hochhalter gave an introduction to the Commission on the 2010 Arts Grant Program guidelines. Those members of the Commission present at this meeting briefly discussed the guidelines; questions from the Commission were addressed by Ms. Hochhalter and Mr. Carrino during the course of the discussion. Since a quorum was not present at this meeting, no official action was taken in regards to the program guidelines.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were made by Mr. Bant and Ms. Hedlund.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bant 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 6:10 p.m.

Submitted,

Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator