



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### *Economic Development Division*

## **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report July 9<sup>th</sup> – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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### **Introduction**

The following Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report describes activities of the Public Arts Program for the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The report includes information regarding projects which are in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

### **Update on Current Projects**

- The Arts at the Market—finished a successful season of art workshops. The program served approximately 150-200 members of the public once a month for 6 months.
- Gallery District Incentive Program—continued business participation.
- Urbana Arts Grants Program—processing 21 agreements, many projects are underway
- Urbana Sculpture Project—Call for Art is open until Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. As of 10/7/09, 8 applications had been received with more anticipated. Finalizing artist agreement, insurance issues, and additional Philo Road locations.
- Downtown Newspaper Rack Project—on September 8, 2009, City Council decided to no longer pursue the proposed Urbanstand Newspaper Rack due to financial constraints and other concerns. The City will pursue a commercial modular rack without the public art component to be placed at the Courthouse location.
- Projects with Partners:
  - 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees
  - Art in the Park Installation by John David Mooney
  - King Park Martin Luther King Jr. Public Art Planning with Urbana Park District and University of Illinois Landscape Architecture studio class

### **Projects in Development**

- Storefront Arts Series Project—met with Urbana Business Association and 40 North
- City Hall Art Exhibition Space Program—curation process needs to be finalized
- Spring Lecture Series—planning meeting to be scheduled in October
- UPTV bi-monthly programming featuring local artists—meeting to be scheduled in November

### **Staff Activities**

- Staff submitted an NEA Visual Art grant application for the August 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Updating Arts Guide brochure

### **Upcoming Events**

- Champaign County Arts Culture and Entertainment (ACE) Awards Ceremony, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00pm, at the High Dive, Champaign
- Urbana Arts Grant-writing workshop, hosted by 40 North, *TENTATIVELY* scheduled for November 12th