

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: November 17, 2009

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Lewis, Ilona Matkovszki

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy A. Bartlett

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Chair Robin Hall. Anna Hochhalter took roll and a quorum was declared present. Ms. Ross exited the meeting at 5:14 p.m., prior to adjournment.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2009 MEETING

The minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Ms. Sammann made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. All Commission members present were in favor of approval and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Mr. Bant made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hedlund seconded the motion. All Commission members present were in favor of approval and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ms. Hochhalter presented City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining projects in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events. For an update on current projects, she reported the following:

- The Gallery District Incentive Program was receiving continuing inquiries and business participation; that the Urbana Arts Grants Program was processing 21 agreements and that many projects were underway. Ms. Hochhalter reported that the 2010 grant applications and guidelines had been made available on November 9. She attached a poster for the program created by Ms. Ross for the Commission's review. She also reported that the City had partnered with 40 North|88 West and the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center to co-host a grant writing workshop specific to Urbana Arts Grants;
- The Call for Art was closed October 19, 2009 for the Urbana Sculpture Project. Thirty-four applications had been received, with ninety-six sculptures submitted for consideration. She reported that staff was coordinating juries for the review and selection of the pieces. She also reported that staff was continuing to finalize artist agreements and insurance issues for grant recipients as well as additional Philo Road locations;
- 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, and the Urbana Business Association Downtown Committee.

For upcoming events, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following:

- That a tentative meeting date of December 8, 2009 had been set for the next Public Arts Commission meeting

6. OLD BUSINESS

• **Discussion of King Park Martin Luther King Jr. Public Art Concepts**

Ms. Hochhalter gave an introduction to the Commission on the design concepts for this project that had been created by a University of Illinois Landscape Architecture Studio class.

Timothy Bartlett of the Urbana Park District provided additional information as it related to Park District involvement in the project. Those members of the Commission present at this meeting briefly discussed the project; questions from the Commission were addressed by Ms. Hochhalter and Mr. Bartlett during the course of the discussion. Mr. Hall requested that Commissioners send any additional ideas and concepts to Ms. Hochhalter for further discussion. He also requested that a project statement be created to describe the intent of the project.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hedlund 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 5:49 p.m.

Submitted,

Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator