



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report November 13th – December 7th, 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

- Gallery District Incentive Program—continued inquiries and business participation.
- Urbana Arts Grants Program—finalized 18 agreements, and projects are underway. Receiving inquiries on the 2010 Grant applications and guidelines.
- Urbana Sculpture Project—Call for Art closed on Oct. 19th. 34 applications were received which provided 98 sculptures to be considered. The first jury, comprised of Robin Hall, Kathleen Harleman, and Michele Plante, convened on November 19th and selected 10 sculptures out of the 98 considered. The second jury met on December 8th and selected 4 sculptures which are being recommended to the Public Arts Commission for approval for a 2-year installation. Staff continues to finalize a draft artist agreement, insurance issues, and the third Philo Road location.

- Projects with Partners:
 - 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees
 - 40 North | 88 West Urbana Boneyard Arts Festival Committee
 - Art in the Park Installation by John David Mooney
 - King Park Martin Luther King Jr. Public Art Planning with Urbana Park District
 - Urbana Business Association Downtown Committee

Upcoming Events

- Urbana Arts Grant applications due: January 11, 2010
- Public Arts Commission Meeting tentative date: January 12, 2010