

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: February 9, 2010

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Geoffrey Bant, Barbara Hedlund, Robin Hall, Cheryl Hayden, Robert Lewis, Ilona Matkowszki, Sarah Ross, Patricia Sammann, Mary-Ann Winkelmes

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Roberts

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Chair Robin Hall. Anna Hochhalter took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Ms. Hedlund made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lewis 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 the City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining current projects, projects with partners and upcoming events. She also introduced the newest members of the Commission, Cheryl Hayden and Mary-Ann Winkelmes.

For an update on current projects, she reported the following:

- The Gallery District Incentive Program was receiving continuing inquiries and business participation.
- With regards to the Urbana Arts Grant Program, the 2009 projects were reported as being underway. Ms. Hochhalter reported that final reports will begin to be submitted in March 2010 and that the City had received 45 grant applications for 2010. She presented to the Commission an overview of the applicants and noted that two juries were being coordinated, the recommendations of which would be given to the Urbana Business Association's "Business Backs the Arts" Committee and Board. The Public Arts Commission, she noted, would review the final recommendations at its March 2010 meeting.
- With regards to the Urbana Sculpture Project, City staff was finalizing agreements with the artists and the installation process with four artists for the Philo Road and Iron Post installations.
- With regards to the Lecture Series, City staff met with the subcommittee to discuss program planning.
- With regards to fundraising, City staff was working to clarify the process by which the Commission can raise funds for the program.
- With regards to the City Building Exhibition Space, City staff had ordered the hanging system for the artwork to be displayed, which was scheduled to arrive on February 11, 2010 and was to be installed shortly after arrival.
- With regards to grants, City staff was working on Illinois Cultural Data Project registration and considering projects for the Illinois Arts Council Program Grant, which would be due March 15, 2010. Project activity would be between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011.
- With regards to marketing, the Public Arts Program's Facebook page was reported as having 164 fans. It was also reported that the Program was participating in the News-Gazette's Design-an-Ad program. Ms. Hochhalter announced that the Program's ad would be published in the March 30, 2010 publication.

For projects with partners, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following:

- Activities as a member of the 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors & Committees
- Activities as a member of the 40 North | 88 West Urbana Boneyard Arts Festival Committee
- The status of the Art in the Park installation by John David Mooney

- The status of the planning for the King Park Martin Luther King, Jr. public art project with the Urbana Park District
- Activities as a member of the Urbana Business Association's Downtown Committee

For upcoming events, Ms. Hochhalter reported the following:

- That the date for the next Public Arts Commission meeting was set for March 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. The Commission was in agreement with this date and time, although Ms. Hochhalter stated that the members of the Commission would be surveyed for other available times, since one of the members was unable to attend at 4:30.
- That the Boneyard Connect, an artist/venue mixer for the 8th Annual Boneyard Arts Festival would take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at V. Picasso, 214 W. Main St. Ms. Hochhalter noted that the event was to be hosted by the Urbana Business Association and 40 North | 88 West.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion of FY 10-11 Program Plan**

Ms. Hochhalter facilitated this discussion. The Commission briefly discussed each portion of the proposed Program Plan. Mr. Hall asked each Commission subcommittee to review the portion of the same with which it would be concerned and present its findings to the Commission as a whole at the next meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sammann seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. by Mr. Hall.

Submitted,

Anna Hochhalter, Public Arts Coordinator