



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report July 9th- August 2nd, 2010

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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—Art Coop, Inc. in Lincoln Square is now open.
- Urbana Arts Grants Program—All but two of the 2009 Projects have been completed. Final Reports are being received and reviewed. Attached are reports from 40 North | 88 West, USD Elementary Fine Arts, and the IMC Children’s Arts Fest. Most of the 2010 agreements have been finalized and are underway.
- Art at the Market: Art Workshops—The third art workshop of the season took place on July 31st. Traci Pines led a “Plastic Fantastic: Earth Friendly Printmaking” workshop. The next workshop will be led by Justine Bursoni on August 28th. Additional information can be found on-line at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops>.
- City Building Exhibit Space—The new Artist of the Corridor exhibit began on August 2nd, featuring photographic works by Alexei Lyosha Svinarski. The exhibit, entitled “InFocus: Urbana, Illinois” will be on display August 2nd – September 30th. An opening reception is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10th from 3:30 – 4:30pm. The public is invited to meet the artist and view the new exhibit in the City Building.
- *Art Now!* UPTV Arts Program—The program continues to run on UPTV each Monday from 6:30pm – 7:00pm.
- Fundraising—staff has continued to research potential policies. Attached is the policy developed for the City of Champaign regarding its fundraising activities related to its 150th Anniversary. This information should be considered when developing a policy for the Public Arts Program.
- Marketing: Staff is regularly updating the Facebook page which has 293 fans. Staff is also in the process of updating the Arts Guide and the Public Arts Program brochure. Additionally, the News Gazette featured an article on the Urbana Public Arts Program. The article ran in the Entertainment section on July 18, 2010.
- Staff Update: Applications for the Public Arts Coordinator position are being accepted until August 29th. Information can be found in the “Job Opportunities” link located on-line at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/jobs>.
- Projects with Partners:
 - Public Art League
 - 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees
 - Urbana Business Association

Upcoming Events

- Public Arts Commission Meeting date: September 14, 4:30 PM.