



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report

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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

- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** All 2009 projects have been completed and reported. 2010 project final reports are being submitted and 2011 projects are in progress. For the 2012 cycle, application materials have been updated and staff is working with City Information Services to create an online submission process.
- **Downtown/Royer:** The Downtown/Royer subcommittee met on June 23. Updates on this meeting will be provided during the Old Business portion of the meeting.
- **Art in the Schools:** The subcommittee met on July 7.
- **Fundraising:** The fundraising subcommittee met on July 11.
- **Public Art League Artist Selection Process:** Commissioner Geoff Bant served on the jury for selection sculptures from the Public Art League's most recent Call for Artists.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** 39 applications were received for the Boneyard Creek Request for Qualifications. A jury of the Boneyard Art subcommittee, City Staff, Foth and Wenk consultants, and local artist Christiane Martens met to select an artist on July 8. More updates will be provided during the New Business portion of the meeting.
- **Art at the Market:** The second 2011 Art at the Market workshop, "Recycled Papermaking," was held on June 25 with about 100 participants. The next workshop will be "Get the I.D.E.A.!" with The I.D.E.A. Store's Education Team, from 8 am – 12 pm on July 30 with a demo on WCIA at 8:20 am on Monday, July 25.
- **Art Now!:** July's new episode is an interview with local artist Rosalind Faiman Weinberg.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The paintings of June-July Artist of the Corridor, Kathryn Fitzgerald, will be on display until July 29. The Artist of the Corridor for August-September will be Bonnie Switzer.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating the Facebook page and @urbanapublicart Twitter, which have 372 fans and 75 followers, respectively. The monthly e-mail newsletter was sent to 313 subscribers on June 14. Staff is reviewing quote estimates from the Graphic Design Bid for producing new marketing materials for the Urbana Public Arts Program.
- **UPAC New Commissioners:** Staff has been working with the Mayor to direct suitable candidates to apply to be a part of the Urbana Public Arts Commission.
- **Grants:** Staff has submitted an application for a Program Grant for General Operating Support from the Illinois Arts Council.
- **Conferences:** Staff attended the 2011 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention in San Diego, CA from June 16-18.

Upcoming Events

- Public Arts Commission Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 4:30 PM in the City Chambers.
- The Public Art League will hold a mixer with updates on their program and recent call for artists on Wednesday, July 20 from 5:30-7:00 PM at Buvons Wine Bar in Urbana.
- Next month's meeting: August 9, 4:30 PM in the City Chambers.