



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

- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** The Boneyard Creek design team, including artist Jack Mackie, will present designs for the Boneyard Creek Beautification Project to the Committee of the Whole on December 12, 2011. A public meeting will also be held at the Urbana Civic Center on December 13, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** 2011 projects are in progress. 2012 grant cycle guidelines & applications were released on October 28, and are due January 10, 2012 by 5:00 PM.
- **Royer Arts & Architecture District:** The Courthouse commemorative sign has been installed, with a dedication ceremony scheduled for December 10, 2011 at 11:00 AM.
- **Marketing Subcommittee:** The Marketing Subcommittee is distributing the list of Urbana-Champaign area art classes, also available online. Links to Urbana arts attractions have been added to <http://www.urbanaininois.us/classesresource>.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Project Subcommittee:** The subcommittee and City staff met on November 29 and agreed to use an RFQ process to identify an artist to create a sculpture or other installation commemorating Dr. King's legacy in King Park. This project will be funded by TIF 3, which expires in 2013. The subcommittee, City staff, and Urbana Parks District staff will work to draft this RFQ.
- **Outreach:** Staff held three Grant Workshops during the month of November to provide information on the application process and answer questions. A total of 32 people combined attended the three events, two held on the UI Campus and one at the Urbana Civic Center.
- **Art Now!:** The new episode for December is an interview with artist Michael Schwegmann.
- **Art at the Market:** Art at the Market dates for the 2012 Urbana's Market at the Square season have been set for May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29, and October 13, 2012. A proposal for the Public Arts Coordinator to do additional music and performance programming at the Market, along with other duties, will be presented to City Council on December 12.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** Rosalind Faiman Weinberg's drawings, prints, and paintings are on display in the City Building through January 31, 2012, with a reception from 4-5 PM on Tuesday, December 6.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating the Facebook and Twitter accounts, which each have 405 fans and 135 followers, respectively. An e-mail newsletter was sent to 414 subscribers on December 6, 2011. The promotional postcard and brochure for the Urbana Public Arts Program are in the process of being designed by Single Stereo Design.

Upcoming Events

- Champaign County Courthouse sign dedication, Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 am at the north entrance to the courthouse on Main Street.

- Public Arts Commission Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers. The Boneyard Creek Improvements Project Public Meeting will occur immediately after this meeting, from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Urbana Civic Center.
- Next month's meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2011 at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.