



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

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Project Subcommittee:** The selection process and recommended artist for the project is described in the memo included in this month's packet.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** 2012 Urbana Arts Grants projects are currently in progress. The subcommittee has been in the process of evaluating the 2012 grant cycle and planning for the 2013 cycle.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Jack Mackie completed the final public art design for the project in April. General construction for the Boneyard Project is now in the bidding phase.
- **Downtown Arts Planning:** The Murals on Glass Call for Entries, which will feature the work of local artists reproduced as adhesive vinyl panels on the windows of the parking deck and UBA office in downtown Urbana, was released on May 14. Submissions are due June 18, 2012 by 5:00 PM. The Call for Artists is available online:
<http://www.urbanaininois.us/artsopportunities>
- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** The Tree-themed Sculpture Competition held in partnership with the Public Art League was released on April 10. Submissions are due by June 15, 2012. An additional sculpture will be chosen for Philo Road from PAL's general Call for Sculpture, for which submissions are due on June 8, 2012.
- **Cunningham Ave:** Staff has been working to identify possible sites for public art on Cunningham Avenue to coincide with City beautification efforts for this corridor.
- **Art Now!:** The May episode featured an interview with Michael Galloway, managing director of CUTC, and Jeff Dare, director of CUTC's recent production of *Avenue Q*. Jeweler Melissa Huff is interviewed for June's episode.
- **Arts Programming at the Market:** The first Art and Performance at the Market events on May 26 featured a Self-Portrait Workshop led by Kathryn Fitzgerald and a performance by the Community Center for the Arts Faculty & Friends. The next events will be on June 30, with Soybean Press leading a Letterpress Workshop and Ryan Groff of Elsinore performing. See the whole schedule at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops>
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current show features paintings by Judy Jones and will be on display through July 31. The August-October show will feature photographs by Chris Carl.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 462 fans and 281 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent on April 2, April 18, May 3, May 14, and May 25. There are currently 451 subscribers to the e-mail newsletter list.

Upcoming Events

- June meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- July meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.