



## *DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES*

### *Economic Development Division*

## **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report**

**July 6, 2012 – August 8, 2012**

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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.

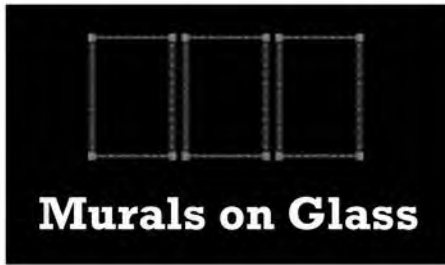
### **Update on Current Projects**

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Project Subcommittee:** The City is negotiating a contract with the Urbana Park District on ownership and maintenance of the finished sculpture. See the attached memo on the Design Development agreement with the artist.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** A recommendation for an online grants management system is attached.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Jack Mackie is making slight redesigns to the sedge and springtail wall motifs to accommodate wall changes made to bring the project into budget.
- **Downtown Arts Planning:** Installation of the Murals on Glass graphics occurred on August 9. The Commission and the public are invited to an Installation Celebration on Monday, August 13 at 4:30 PM on the corner of Main St and Broadway Ave in front of the parking deck.
- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** Staff is coordinating with Public Works and the Public Art League to schedule installation of the three selected sculptures. For the Main Street sculptures, *Fortitude IV* will be installed on August 15 or 16 and *The Wind in the Trees* will be installed on September 14.
- **Art in the Schools:** The subcommittee met on July 13 and discussed meeting with CUSF and the idea of a theatre props and scenery storage co-op.
- **Joseph Royer Arts and Architecture District:** The Urbana High School Royer sign unveiling was very successful, with an ice cream social, barbershop quartet, and over 150 people in attendance.
- **Fundraising:** A PayPal account to accept donations has been set up and is being added to the website, Facebook, and e-mail newsletter. The subcommittee is also creating a mailing campaign and calendar of *ArtNow!* artists' work.
- **Art Now!:** August's episode features an interview with artist Lisa Kesler.
- **Arts Programming at the Market:** The July 28 Art and Performance at the Market events featured a Land/Arts Lab with Meredith Foster and performance by the Michael Fenoglio Trio. Over 75 people participated. A workshop by The I.D.E.A. Store and performance by the Aduro Trio will be held on August 25.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current show, "Art in the Margins," features photographs by Urbana Land Arts, on display through October 31. A reception will be held from 4:30-5:30 PM on August 29, 2012.
- **Illinois Arts Council Individual Artist Grants Workshop:** The Urbana Public Arts Program was invited to host an Individual Artist Grant Workshop by the Illinois Arts Council, to occur on Wednesday, August 29 at 5:30 PM following the Artist of the Corridor reception in the Council Chambers.

- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 483 fans and 333 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent on July 17, 2012 and August 8, 2012. There are currently 474 subscribers to the e-mail newsletter list.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- August meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2012, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- September meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.



The City of Urbana Public Arts Commission and Urbana Business Association invite you to a

# **Murals on Glass Installation Celebration**

**Monday, August 13, 2012 at 4:30 PM**

**Corner of Main Street & Broadway Avenue  
in front of the Urbana Parking Deck**

Murals on Glass displays artwork by Champaign County artists on windows in downtown Urbana for a period of one year. Please join us as we recognize the 2012-13 selected artists and their work:

*Abe in the Grass* by Larry Steinbauer, northeast parking deck tower, Main St & Broadway Ave

*Fiesta 3* by Lisa Kesler, south parking deck tower, Elm St & Broadway Ave

*Glass Gems* by Kelly Eddington, Urbana Business Association office windows, 111 West Main Street, Urbana



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