



## *DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES*

### *Economic Development Division*

## **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report August 9, 2012 – November 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. Further updates will be provided during the Old Business portion of the meeting.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** 2013 Urbana Arts Grants Application Program Guidelines and Application were released on October 31. The online application is accessible at <https://urbana.myreviewroom.com>. Staff is holding five public Grant Workshops in November and December: two at University of Illinois, two at Parkland College, and one at the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Updates on the project will be provided during the Old Business portion of the meeting.
- **Downtown Arts:** The Downtown Arts subcommittee met on November 8 to discuss future arts initiatives in downtown Urbana.
- **Fundraising:** The Fundraising subcommittee met on November 8 to discuss fundraising ideas that correspond with the temporary sculptures on display.
- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** All three sculptures selected in partnership with the Public Art League, *Fortitude IV*, *The Wind in the Trees*, and *Splintering Continuity*, have been installed.
- **Art in the Schools:** With interest from both King School and Douglas Kornfeld, the King Park artist, the subcommittee is considering school-wide programming in conjunction with the development and installation of the public art piece.
- **Joseph Royer Arts and Architecture District:** Staff is working with the subcommittee to get a Royer plaque for the Urbana Landmark Hotel produced.
- **Fundraising:** A PayPal donation button has been added to the Urbana Public Arts Program website
- **Art Now!:** August's episode features an interview with artist and University of Illinois professor Billie Theide.
- **Arts Programming at the Market:** The August (The IDEA Store and the Aduro Trio), September (Traci Pines and The Turinos), and October (Shard Threads Workspace and Los Guapos) Art at the Market events were successful, with 125, 100, and 56 people participating respectively.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current show, "Recent Work," features drawings by William

Lawrence Deverell and is on display through January 31, 2013. A reception was held from 4:0-5:00 PM on November 7, 2012.

- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 507 fans and 429 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent on August 13, August 27, September 10, September 26, October 11, and October 31. There are currently 488 subscribers to the e-mail newsletter list.
- **Dedication for Art in the Park:** A public dedication for artist John David Mooney's Art in the Park sculptures, *Spirit Tree* and *Falling Leaf*, was held on October 13 with attendance of eighty people.
- **ISC Biannual Conference:** Staff attended the Biannual International Sculpture Center Conference in Chicago, IL from October 3-6. The focus of the conference was "Public Art: Process, Patron, Public."
- **American Planning Association Illinois Chapter Annual Conference:** Staff led a Mobile Workshop called "Art and About in Urbana" on September 20 as part of the APA IL Chapter's Annual conference, held in Champaign-Urbana. The tour included viewing the Murals on Glass project and recently installed sculptures, visiting a downtown gallery, a stop at Art in the Park, discussion of the Artist of the Corridor and Urbana Arts Grants program, and a tour of Meadowbrook Park.
- **Illinois Arts Council Grant:** The Urbana Public Arts Program was awarded a 2013 Illinois Arts Council Visual Arts Program Grant for general operating support for the third consecutive year. The grant is for \$3,250.
- **Illinois Arts Council Individual Artist Grant Workshop:** Thirty-two people attended the Individual Artist Grant Workshop by the Illinois Arts Council that the Urbana Public Arts Program hosted on Wednesday, August 29, 2012.
- **Congratulations** to Urbana Public Arts Commissioners Pat Sammann, Barbara Hedlund, and Greg Chew for their ACE Award nominations in October!

### Upcoming Events

- November meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- December meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- Boneyard Creek Beautifications Project Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, November 14, 3:00 PM in the Urbana School District Parking Lot on the northwest corner of Griggs Street and Race Street