



## *DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES*

### *Economic Development Division*

## **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report January 11, 2013 – February 6, 2013**

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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:** Updates on this project will be provided during the Old Business portion of the meeting.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** The 2013 grant cycle received 57 grant applications for funding. Juries will meet on February 16 and 23 to review the applications.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Jack Mackie is working with the design team and contractors as the construction phase of the project progresses.
- **Fundraising:** A new fundraising initiative, “Keep It or Change It,” will be introduced during the New Business portion of the meeting.
- **Marketing subcommittee:** The Marketing subcommittee held an annual planning meeting on February 5.
- **Annual Planning:** Staff is coordinating meetings with each subcommittee to plan for FY 13-14. A draft program plan based on these meetings will be presented in April.
- **Joseph Royer Arts and Architecture District:** The Royer plaque for the Urbana Landmark Hotel has been received. The Royer subcommittee held an annual planning meeting on February 6.
- **Art Now!:** February features a re-broadcast of Pat Sammann’s 2011 interview with painter Suzanne Keith Loechl. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The February- April Artist of the Corridor exhibition is photographs by Wiley Elementary school fifth grade students. A public reception will be held on March 1 from 6-7 PM, featuring the students singing and a photo demonstration.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 550 fans and 516 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent to 521 subscribers on January 14, 16, and 23.

### **Upcoming Events**

- February meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- Boneyard Connect: Tuesday, February 12, 5:30-7:30 PM at 88 Broadway in Lincoln Square Mall.
- Artist of the Corridor reception for Wiley fifth graders: Friday, March 1 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Urbana City Building Lobby.
- March meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.