



## *DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES*

### *Economic Development Division*

## **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report March 8, 2013 – March 26, 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:** A contract with Preston Jackson will be presented for discussion and approval during the Old Business portion of the meeting.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** Grant recipients have been announced and recipients are entering into agreements with the City to complete their projects.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Jack Mackie is working with the design team and contractors as the construction phase of the project progresses.
- **Fundraising:** Staff and the subcommittee are working on the marketing plan and technical requirements for “Keep It or Change It,” with a launch event scheduled for April 30, 2013.
- **Annual Planning:** The draft FY13-14 Program Plan and budget will be presented for discussion and approval during the New Business portion of the meeting.
- **Art Now!:** April’s episode is a rebroadcast of Pat Samman’s interview with artist Don Lake. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** *Identities* by the Wiley fifth grade students will be the Artist of the Corridor exhibit for the Boneyard Arts Festival, with April 12 and 13 as Champaign and Urbana Days.
- **Art at the Market:** Staff is working to book artists and performers for the 2013 Market season.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 582 fans and 568 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent to 518 subscribers on March 20, 2013.
- **Grants:** Staff applied for a FY13-14 Program Grant for general operating support in the local arts agency category. Additionally, staff worked with the Market at the Square to apply for an Efroymsen Family Fund Cultural Tourism Development grant for additional resources for the Performance at the Market series.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 2013 Urbana Arts Grants Announcement Celebration, Thursday March 28, 5:30-7:00 PM, Buvons Wine Bar at 203 N. Vine Street in Urbana.
- April meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- May meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.