



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report August 8, 2013 – August 29, 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

- **Staff Transition Assistance:** Juli Heuel, who worked as the spring Public Arts Intern, will be assisting this fall with projects such as the Urbana Arts grants. This will allow essential programs to continue during the search for a new Public Arts Coordinator.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Project:** Mr. Jackson continues to work in coordination with the Urbana Park District on the fabrication of the sculpture.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Work continues on constructing the public art elements in the Boneyard project.
- **Fundraising subcommittee:** YooJin Hong, the summer Public Arts Intern, designed a full suite of marketing materials for the Keep It or Change It campaign. More discussion is expected on how the transition will affect the launch of this program.
- **Urbana Arts Grants:** Urbana Arts Grant applications for 2014 are in preparation to be released this fall. The Wufoo form system used for the Murals on Glass call will be utilized to facilitate the online application.
- **Murals on Glass:** The five Murals on Glass selections for 2013-15 have been installed in downtown Urbana.
- **Art Now!:** In August's episode, Greg Chew interviews the Urbana Pops Orchestra. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current Artist of the Corridor show is *From the Surface* by Steve Kostell, featuring dimensional handmade paper forms cast from the surfaces of public spaces. The work will be on display through October 31, 2013.
- **Art at the Market:** The August 17 Art at the Market event had 257 participants in the Letterpress printmaking workshop with Soybean Press and music by Ryan Groff of Elsinore. The September 28 Art at the Market will feature a workshop with The IDEA Store and music by The Michael Fenoglio Trio. The full schedule of this summer's Art at the Market events is available at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops>
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 635 fans and 777 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent to 549 subscribers on August 2 and 27.
- **Grants:** The City of Urbana Public Arts Program has been awarded an Illinois Arts Council grant of \$4,100 for FY 13-14.

Upcoming Events

- September meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- October meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.