



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report

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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:** The process of hiring a new Public Arts Coordinator is still in progress. In the interim period, Public Arts Intern Juli Heuel is assisting to keep essential programs running.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Project:** Mr. Jackson sent us images of the progress of his sculptures thus far.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Work continues on constructing the public art elements in the Boneyard project.
- **Fundraising subcommittee:** The Keep It or Change It campaign will be evaluated in conjunction with the staff transition.
- **Urbana Arts Grants:** Urbana Arts Grant applications for 2014 are in preparation to be released this month. The online application will be able to be accessed through the online form building website, Wufoo.
- **Art Now!:** In September's episode, Greg Chew interviews the Urbana Pops Orchestra. In October's episode, mixed-media artist Steve Kostell is interviewed. 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 final Art at the Market event was last Saturday. Participants learned to Re-use, Re-cycle and Re-create with The I.D.E.A Store and listened to Jazz performed by the Michael Fenoglio Trio.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 667 fans and 825 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent to 548 subscribers on September 12th.

Upcoming Events

- November meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.
- December meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.