



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:** Delivery and installation of the piece is tentatively scheduled for December 17, 2013.
- **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 open. Applicants are able to apply online using the Wufoo website. Applications are due January 17th, 2014.
- **Art Now!:** In December's episode woodworker Thomas Skagg is interviewed regarding his hand made furniture . See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current Artist of the Corridor show is *Elemental* by Meredith Foster featuring drawings using a pigmented salt solution of aerial views. The work will be on display through January 31, 2014.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 660 fans and 884 followers, respectively. E-mail newsletters were sent to 546 subscribers on December 3rd.

Upcoming Events

- January meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.