

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

*Economic Development Division*

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**TO:** Public Arts Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Discussion on Urbana Art Expo 2016

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**Update**

The second annual Urbana Art Expo will be on Sunday, September 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center. Commissioners Jason Patterson and Pat Sammann have volunteered to serve on this initiative's working group again. The juried fine arts show and sale, which will be presented in partnership with 40 North | 88 West: Champaign County Arts Council, will begin accepting applications in early June 2016, and may see the following changes this year:

1. The floor plan may be modified to fit 2-4 additional booths.
2. Unlike last year, walls and additional lighting may not be provided for free.
3. Artists who participated in the 2015 Expo suggested that live or recorded background music will add to the ambiance of the event.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Public Arts Commission share any comments or concerns they might have on the suggested changes to the Urbana Art Expo.

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