

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: January 9, 2018

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Chambers, Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erica Cooper-Peyton, Katie Harrell, Barbara Hedlund, Eric Jakobsson, Jason Patterson, Jessica Snyder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sara Jones, Jenelle Orcherton, Patricia Sammann

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Boys, Economic Development Manager; Rachel Storm, Public Arts Coordinator; Sukiya J. Reid, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Knox

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Mr. Patterson, who filled in as Commission Chair in Ms. Sammann's absence. Ms. Reid took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hedlund seconded the motion. All Commission members present were in favor of approval, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- **Presentation by 2016 Arts Grant Recipient: Emily Knox, Makerspace**

Mr. Patterson introduced Emily Knox, of Makerspace Urbana. Ms. Knox gave a slide-show presentation on their seventh annual, family-friendly event called the *Heartland Maker Fest*, formerly known as the *Mini-Maker Faire* that took place on October 15th at Lincoln Square. This event featured 30 makers and 3 performers from all over Central Illinois, and encouraged a do-it-yourself spirit in the community. It included a variety of projects such as robots, drums, building rockets, making puppets, beading, and designing buttons. Ms. Knox stated that at least 1500 people attended the event. She stated that the next maker fest would be scheduled for October 13, 2018. Ms. Knox thanked the Commission for the grant received. At the conclusion of the report, questions and comments from the Commission were heard.

- **Presentation by Staff: Monthly Progress Report**

Ms. Storm presented the City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining projects in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Patterson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Jakobsson seconded the motion. With no further business, Mr. Patterson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Submitted,
Sukiya J. Reid, Recording Secretary