



**URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021  
**TIME:** 4:30 P.M  
**PLACE:** Online Zoom Webinar (Web ID: 879 4997 6161)

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lori Fuller, Barbara Hedlund, Frank Modica, Gonzalo Pinilla, Heather Rose, Howard Schein

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Blair Ebony Smith, Sarah Buckman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rachel Storm, Arts & Culture Coordinator; Jason Liggett, UPTV Station Manager; Stepheny McMahon, Economic Development Supervisor; Darius White, Economic Development Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ashanti Files, Cindy Ogwal, Susan Ogwal, Patrick Singer

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

The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission was called to order at 4:30 P.M by Hedlund. Storm took roll and a quorum was declared present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The vote to approve minutes from September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meetings of the Urbana Arts and Culture Commission was held for the December meeting.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Howard Schein nominated Barbara Hedlund for chair of the Urbana Arts and Culture Commission, Frank Modica seconded. All present were in favor and the motion was approved. The commission recognized Frank Modica's first full-length book of poetry, *What We Harvest*, recently published by Cal State Books. Brian Stark will be presenting on the 2021 Urbana Arts Grant, Flamenco Jazz Reunion.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Staff Report**

Storm reported that the Arts and Culture Program continues to work in a hybrid format. Storm provided staffing updates for the Arts and Culture Program including a search for a temporary program specialist and gave updates regarding two student interns from The University of Illinois Community Learning Lab, and one student intern from Urbana High School's Executive Internship Program.

Storm Provided updates for current projects including the 2021 Urbana Arts grant applications, Growing Community Public Art Initiative, Young Artist's Studio, Art Show and Tell, Art Now, Murals on Glass, Urbana Utility Box Mural Program, The Great ARTdoors, Juxtapositioned, Urbana Sculpture Project, Urbana Street Pole Art Banners, and collaboration with Imagine Urbana. Storm also provided updates on Poet Laureate's recent activities and recent mural unveilings. Storm concluded her presentation with information regarding the Americans for the Arts COVID-relief guide.

**b. Grant Presentations**

- i. Madelyn Witruck presented the final report for the 2020 Urbana Arts Grant, *Save the World Mural*
- ii. Ja'Naea Modest presented the final report for the 2021 Urbana Arts Grant, *She Spins Urbana*
- iii. Brian Stark presented a report for the 2021 Urbana Arts Grant, *Flamenco Jazz Reunion*

*All final reports presented at this meeting will be made available on the Urbana Arts and Culture Commission meeting page for Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021: [www.urbanaininois.us/node/9498](http://www.urbanaininois.us/node/9498)*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion of Tier III Grants Process for 2022 Urbana Arts Grants**

The Arts and Culture Coordinator led a discussion of the Tier III Urbana Arts Grant process.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Hedlund declared the meeting adjourned at 5:57 P.M.

Submitted, Rachel Lauren Storm, Arts and Culture Coordinator