

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: JUNE 9, 2020

TIME: 4:30 P.M

PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Hedlund, Angela Williams, Pat Samman, Jared Miller, Courtney Becks, Gonzalo Pinilla, Frank Modica

MEMBERS ABSENT:

MEMBERS EXCUSED: **Jenelle Orcherton**

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Boys, Economic Development Manager; Rachel Storm, Arts & Culture Coordinator; HeatherAnn Hicks-Layman, Program Specialist; Jason Liggett, UPTV Station Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Seth Fein

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

The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission was called to order at 4:34 P.M by Samman. Hicks-Layman took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Modica moved to approve minutes from May 26, 2020, Miller seconded. With no changes, all were in favor and minutes were approved.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Seth Fein stated his intent to listen to and offer his personal input on the Tier III Grant Guideline Discussion on the Agenda.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- **Staff Report – Rachel L Storm, Urbana Arts and Culture Coordinator**

Storm presented the monthly staff report including updated information on successful virtual events, COVID-19 resource relief for artists and the impact it is having on Urbana's Arts and Culture program, the multiple internship programs being utilized by the Arts and Culture Program throughout the summer (Summer Arts Internship, Community Engaged Scholars at the University of Illinois (We CU), and Care for You), ongoing initiatives including Art in a Time of Quarantine with Museum of the Grand Prairie, Monday Artist Inspiration with The Urbana Free Library, Art Park Installation in collaboration with Urbana Park District, 40 North, and Spurlock Museum, and updates from the Poet Laureate, who is collaborating with the Urbana Free Library and the Urbana Park District to hold workshops and showcases, as well as converting Poets on a Parkbench to a Zoom based model.

- **COVID-19 Impact on Urbana's Arts and Culture Program**

The information for this presentation was included during Storm's staff report.

- **Tier III Grant Guidance**

Storm presented the draft Tier III Grant Guidelines to the commission and invited discussion. Miller asked that the chair recognize public input from Seth Fein at this point in the discussion. With no objection, Fein was recognized to speak. Fein made comment about how the guidelines would affect his Tier III project (Pygmalion), as well as how he planned to make his event more virtual.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and no objection, Samman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

Submitted, HeatherAnn Hicks-Layman, Program Specialist