

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

TIME: 4:30 P.M

PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting (Web ID: 846 7853 4966)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Sammann, Barbara Hedlund, Jared Miller, Frank Modica, Gonzalo Pinilla, Angela Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Courtney Becks, Stacey Robinson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jenelle Orcherton

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ibrahim Bourema Ouedraogo, Celia Barbieri, Darius White, Madeline Molina, Mark Enslin, Max Pociask, Paula McCarty, Susan Parenti, Toni Pitts

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

The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission was called to order at 4:32 P.M by Sammann. Hicks-Layman took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Samman moved to approve minutes from August 11th, 2020. Miller seconded. With no changes, all present were in favor and minutes were approved.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Toni Pitts, with the assistance of Arts and Culture Coordinator Rachel Storm, presented her final report for the 2018 Urbana Arts Grant – *How Are Social Activist Made?*

Paula McCarty presented her final report for the 2019 Urbana Arts Grant – *Women Who Painted*

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. PRESENTATIONS

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

Storm presented the monthly staff report. Topics included an overview of accomplishments made by summer interns, virtual events, and programs hosted and upcoming by 2019/2020 Urbana Arts Grantees. The report also detailed the Urbana Arts and Culture Program's involvement in local initiatives, including Art for Nourishment (in collaboration with The Bucket Brigade, Silver Hearts, and The Tiger Market of Urbana School District #116,) Art Inspired (in collaboration with The Urbana Free Library,) Teen Artists Reimagine the World (in collaboration with Chambanamoms, Krannert Art Museum, KOOP Adventure Play, Museum of the Grant Prairie, and a number of youth community groups,) and The Great ARTdoors (a collaboration with 40 North, Champaign Park District, Urbana Park District, and Spurlock Museum.) Other items included the Urbana Poet Laureate, Will Reger, and his ongoing initiatives, as well as the mention of the intent to launch a Youth Poet Laureate Program. An update on sculptures was also included in the report.

Arts & Culture Interns Max Pociask, Madeline Molina, and Celia Barbieri, gave a brief presentation covering their achievements and personal reflections while involved with the Arts and Culture Internship Program, sponsored by the Illinois Arts Council Summer Youth Employment Program.

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

Storm reported that Urbana's Arts and Culture Program continues to have a suspension of in-person programs with the exception of small and socially-distanced gatherings. The program staff is working remotely while the City building remains closed to the public. An updated list of artist relief programs has also been added to the City website.

- **2020 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Bourema Ouedraogo**

Ouedraogo presented a final report for *Independent Clapboard Film Festival*, a requirement of their 2020 Urbana Arts Grant.

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Susan Parenti & Mark Enslin**

Parenti and Enslin presented a final report for *Community Puppet and Mosaic Making*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

- **2020 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Darius White**

White presented a final report for *45th Anniversary Sweetcorn Festival*, a requirement of their 2020 Urbana Arts Grant.

- **2018 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Toni Pitts**

Pitts final report for *How are Social Activist Made?* was presented by Urbana Arts and Culture Coordinator Rachel Storm. This report was presented as a requirement of Pitts 2018 Urbana Arts Grant.

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Paula McCarty**

McCarty presented a final report for *Women Who Painted*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

- **Urbana Sculpture Project**

Storm presented the Public Art League's options for sculptures. Storm asked the commission to send their top three choices to her for evaluation, and a proposal of which sculpture to sponsor will be presented at next month's meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and no objection, Sammann declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

Submitted, HeatherAnn Hicks-Layman, Program Specialist