



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

DATE: Tuesday, June 8, 2021
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: Online Zoom Webinar (Web ID: 892 1481 0404)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Sammann, Barbara Hedlund, Jenelle Orcherton, Gonzalo Pinilla, Stacey Robinson
MEMBERS EXCUSED: There were none.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Courtney Becks, Jared Miller, Frank Modica,
STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Storm, Arts & Culture Coordinator; HeatherAnn Layman, Office Specialist; Jason Liggett, UPTV Station Manager; Stepheny McMahon, Economic Development Supervisor; Darius White, Economic Development Coordinator
OTHERS PRESENT: Kesley Langley, Lori Fuller, Ralph Lewis, Sydney Gardner

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

The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission was called to order at 4:44 P.M by Sammann. Layman took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sammann moved to approve minutes from May 11th, 2021. Orcherton seconded. With no changes, all present were in favor and minutes were approved.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Staff Report

Storm reported that the Arts and Culture Program has been working remotely for the past year, but that will soon be changing. Storm announced she has hired three summer interns, funded through the Illinois Arts Council Summer Arts and Culture Internship grant. She also provided additional staffing updates on the search for a part-time Program Specialist, as well as the addition of student interns from the Community Learning Lab, and the We CU Scholars program. The Care 4U internship program lost its funding, but Urbana High School #116 intends to expand their Executive Internship Program to include both the spring and fall semesters.

Storm provided updates on ongoing Arts and Culture programs, including The Great ARTdoors, Urbana Utility Box Mural Program (currently in its initial year), Murals on Glass, Artists of the Corridor, Young Artists Studio, Art Show & Tell for Young Kids,

Poet Laureate, Art Inspired, Urbana Sculpture Program, Urbana's Downtown Get Down, Summer Movie Nights, and Pandemics as Portal to Change. Storm also gave updates on the Imagine Urbana (City of Urbana's 20 year Comprehensive Plan) collaboration, recently installed murals, and planned Boneyard Arts Festival activities.

Storm mentioned that she continues to attend the Urbana's Creative Placemaking and Activation meeting, that the CO+RE grant was funded, that surveys to local venues and businesses regarding downtown activation are on-going, and that she is serving on a committee to support interim use planning for City-owned parcels to include art.

Storm's presentation ended with a list of key citywide festival dates.

b. Grant Presentations

- i. Lori Fuller presented their final report for the 2020 Urbana Arts Grant, *Art for Life*.
- ii. Ralph Lewis of All Score Urbana presented their final report for the 2020 Urbana Arts Grant, *All Score Urbana at Urbana High School*.
- iii. Kelsey Langley of KOOP Adventure Play presented their report for the 2019 Urbana Arts Grant, *Arts at Play*.

All final reports presented at this meeting will be made available on the Urbana Arts and Culture Commission meeting page for Tuesday, May 11, 2021: www.urbanaininois.us/node/9440

c. Urbana Arts and Culture Commission Service

Storm announced that she had emailed those commission members whose terms have ended. She encouraged them all to re-apply. Storm recognized those who are leaving the commission – Commissioners Robinson and Sammann. Storm then presented a short video honoring Chair Sammann's service.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Sammann declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

Submitted, HeatherAnn Layman, Office Specialist

APPROVED 6/8/2021