



URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED 9/13/2022

DATE: August 09, 2022
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: City Council Chambers, 400 S Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Hedlund, Marc-Anthony Macon, Heather Rose, Sarah Buckman
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Howard Schein, Gonzalo Pinilla, Bailey
MEMBERS ABSENT:
STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Storm, Arts & Culture Coordinator; Stepheny McMahon, Economic Development Supervisor
OTHERS PRESENT: Alicia Rodriguez, Lori Fuller, Dr. Bianca Bailey

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

- a. May 10, 2022
- b. June 14, 2022
- c. July 19, 2022

May 10th meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Commissioner Rose moved to accept the minutes as presented, Commissioner Buckman seconded, and the motion was approved by all commissioners.

June 14th meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes with one edit Modica instead of "Monica." Commissioner Fuller seconded, and the motion was approved by all commissioners with the exception of the one edit.

July 19th meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Buckman seconded, and the motion was approved by all commissioners.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Storm noted that Debra Larson would be presenting before Charlie Harris.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

A copy of Meriam Larson's statement being forwarded to commission from July 19, 2022 meeting.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Staff Report

Dr. Rachel Storm Urbana Arts and Culture Coordinator gave updates for summer and current art projects that were very successful. August 09, 2022 will be the last day as the Coordinator and also the last Urbana Arts and Culture commission meeting. Dr. Storm focused largely on public art installs of the last month of July 2022. She did also mention that there would be some shifts and changes during the interim of hiring a new Coordinator.

There is a new art exhibit at the Urbana Free Library taking place “Koolah in the Sky” by Vivian Christian. The Library will continue with the Artists of the Corridor program. Young Artist Studio will continue with the Library heading the program while the Arts and Commissioner position is vacant and in the process of being filled. The Poet Laureate search remains in place with Commissioner Buckman volunteering to head the process of jury and decisions. Art in Transit has a project along with MTD that will be going up this fall. K. Hieronymus is the selected artist for the “Art in Transit” piece “Alliance” is the name of her piece.

Dr. Storm mentioned being able to continue to mentor the Youth Poet Laureate who is in the process of trying to produce her very own book. Continuation of the Urbana Utility Box Murals continues to grow and draw a lot of attention and future works. Dr. Storm mentioned some of the great Art that has taken place in the City of Urbana by numerous artist. Some of the Murals and Public artists include Lisa Kesler, Rafael Blanco, EKAH, Christopher Morris and Kinsey Fitzgerald. Some of the Improvements/Sculpture Renewal artist included Craig Gray, Bobby Joe Scribner and Greg Stallmeyer. Dr. Storm is extremely grateful and happy with the art projects that have taken place in the community. Murals have made a big impact on the City of Urbana. Arts and Cinema have begun to really take off in Urbana as well. Dr. Storm shared her appreciation for her time here with the Urbana Arts and Culture Commission as the Coordinator. She also shared some ideas in terms of the direction of the program for the future and what the commission could do to have the best outcomes and support for the future programs.

Grant Presentations

- i. Debra Larson of Urbana Pops Orchestra presented the final report for the 2022 Urbana Arts Grant, *Urbana Pops Orchestra Concert*
- ii. Charlie Harris of Rose Bowl Tavern presented the final report for the 2022 Urbana Arts Grant, *Urbana Live!*
- iii. Jake Metz presented the final report for the 2021 Urbana Arts Grant, *Immersion: A Multidisciplinary, Experimental Arts Festival*
- iv. Shaya Robinson presented the final report for the 2020 Urbana Arts Grant, *Star- A Journey of Self Love*

All final reports presented at this meeting will be made available on the Urbana Arts and Culture Commission meeting page for Tuesday, August 9, 2022: www.urbanainillinois.us/node/9495

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Update on Interim Planning and Arts and Cultures Coordinator Position

City staff will give a brief overview of interim planning and the hiring process for the next Arts and Culture Coordinator.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Hedlund adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.