

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

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DATE: **October 23, 2018**

TIME: **4:30 p.m.**

PLACE: **City Council Chambers, Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Courtney Becks, Erica Cooper-Peyton, Katie Harrell, Eric Jakobsson, Patricia Sammann

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Barbara Hedlund, Sara Jones, Jenelle Orcherton, Jessica Snyder

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Storm, Public Arts Coordinator; Sukiya J. Reid, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Jancie Philippus

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Sammann. Ms. Reid took roll, and there were not enough members present to declare a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. Ms. Sammann noted that there was a sentence fragment under the Grant Presentation section for Jarod Finn that needed to be removed. Ms. Sammann then stated that due to the absence of a quorum, the approval of the September 11, 2018 minutes would be moved to the next meeting on November 13th.

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Ms. Storm stated that she wanted to take time to recognize Commission member, Erica Cooper-Peyton, who would be leaving the Commission.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- **Presentation by Staff: Monthly Progress Report**

Ms. Storm presented the City staff's monthly progress report to the Commission, outlining projects in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

- **Presentation by 2018 Grant Presentation: Jancie Philippus of Illinois Summer Youth Music**

Ms. Sammann introduced Jancie Philippus, Public Engagement Coordinator at the U of I School of Music, and the Assistant Director for Illinois Summer Youth Music. Ms. Philippus gave a presentation on their project, *2018 ISYM Hip-Hop*, which ran from July 15th- 21st, 2018. In this project, 17 students (7th-12th grades) came together with local performers and their Professor of Music Education, Dr. Adam Cruz to create, write, produce, record, and perform all original Hip Hop music. The final performance took place at the Canopy Club on July 21, 2018. Other special events throughout the week included workshops with Mother Nature, panel discussion, personal sound check, and the Good Vibes Only Festival. Ms. Philippus thanked the Commission for the grant received. At the conclusion of the report, questions and comments from the Commission were heard.

- **Presentation by 2018 Grant Presentation: Dan Denton**

Ms. Sammann introduced chainsaw carver, Dan Denton. Mr. Denton gave a presentation on his project, *Chainsaw Carving Demonstration*, which consisted of 3 separate shows. Two of them were in conjunction with Madeline Wolfske at Imbibe Urbana's First Fridays. The third one was at the Sweet Corn Festival. For the shows he showcased an eagle he carved in three different phases. Ms. Storm then showed a video about Mr. Denton work's and the impact that it has on people. Mr. Denton thanked the Commission for the grant received. At the conclusion of the report, questions and comments from the Commission were heard.

- **Review of Urbana Arts Grants Proposed Changes**

Ms. Sammann introduced this agenda item. Ms. Storm passed out a summary of the proposed changes to the Urbana Arts and Culture Grant Program, to the Commission members for review. She also addressed the next agenda item, **Recommendation to Establish an Arts and Culture Commission**, within this agenda item. She then presented the proposed revisions to the ordinance, to the Commission. A brief discussion between members of the Staff and Commission ensued. Following discussion, Ms. Storm stated that this agenda item would be continued to the November meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sammann made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Becks seconded the motion. With no further business, Ms. Sammann declared the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Submitted,
Sukiya J. Reid, Recording Secretary