

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: MAY 26, 2020

TIME: 4:30 P.M

PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Hedlund, Jenelle Orcherton, Pat Samman, Jared Miller, Courtney Becks, Gonzalo Pinilla

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frank Modica

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Angela Williams

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Larson

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

Miller moved to approve minutes from April 14, 2020, Hedlund seconded. With no changes, all were in favor and minutes were approved.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. PRESENTATIONS

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

Storm presented the monthly staff report including updated information on programs that have been cancelled as well as programs that have been able to be converted to digital events. Storm gave an update on how staff is working with 2019 Urbana Arts Grantees on how to finish or modify their projects to comply with current COVID-19 guidelines, as well as an update on where staff is in the processing of the 2020 Urbana Arts Grants. Storm reported she will be seeking applications for two Summer Arts Interns (high school students). Storm also gave a brief overview of relief for artist's resources that have been shared to the local community.

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Debra Larson**

Larson presented a final report for *2019 Urbana Pops Orchestra*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

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

Storm reported that a survey has been sent to all Tier III 2020 Urbana Arts Grantees to gather their opinions and ideas on how to make their events virtual. The survey also includes questions regarding whether or not they are considering cancelling or re-scheduling their events. Storm intends to gather this information and compile the feedback received to present to the commission for discussion.

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 5:43 P.M.

Submitted, HeatherAnn Hicks-Layman, Program Specialist