

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

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DATE: September 11, 2018

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Courtney Becks, Katie Harrell, Barbara Hedlund, Sara Jones, Jenelle Orcherton, Patricia Sammann, Jessica Snyder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Erica Cooper-Peyton, Eric Jakobsson

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Boys, Economic Development Manager; Rachel Storm, Public Arts Coordinator; Sukiya J. Reid, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Jarod Finn

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

The Urbana Public Arts Commission was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Ms. Sammann. Ms. Reid took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. With no changes proposed, Ms. Sammann made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hedlund seconded the motion. All Commission members present were in favor of approval, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Ms. Storm stated that the 2018 ISYM Hip-Hop Grants Presentation would be moved to the following month's meeting.

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.

Following the monthly progress report, Ms. Storm introduced the newest Public Arts Commission member, Courtney Becks. Ms. Becks addressed the Commission and gave a brief background on herself. Ms. storm then announced that Commissioner Erica Cooper-Peyton would be leaving the Commission to focus more on work and community service.

- **Presentation by 2018 Grant Presentation: Jarrod Finn, *Empowered: The Web Series***

Ms. Sammann introduced Artist Jarrod Finn. He gave a presentation on his project titled, *Empowered: The Web Series*. The project was a web series that focused on the lives of teenagers, specifically young females as they developed superpowers. There was a diverse cast of characters, a lot of them based on people in Mr. Finn’s life. Mr. Finn stated that the hope of the project was to turn the bad depiction of female super heroes in mainstream media on its head. He also brought in local creatives to work on the project. The production of the project was spread out over 8 days. Mr. Finn stated that snippets of the trailer were running on YouTube and that the pilot episode was scheduled to be released on October 3rd. during a screening party at the IMC, He thanked the Commission for the grant received. At the Commission for the grant received. At the conclusion of the report, questions and comments from the Commission were heard.

- **Review of Revised Arts and Culture Mission Statement**

Ms. Sammann introduced this agenda item. Ms. Storm stated that she updated the draft from the previous meeting and had some next steps to present to the Commission. After hearing the draft, a brief discussion between members of the Staff and Commission ensued. Following the discussion, Ms. Storm stated that she would work on condensing the draft while trying to make it more detailed at the same time. She said she would have an updated draft of the ordinance for the Commission to review at the October meeting. Ms. Storm stated that if Commission was in agreement with that ordinance, it would be a good time to present that to City Council. Then if the ordinance is adopted, December could potentially be the first meeting of the Arts & Culture Commission.

- **Review of Urbana Public Arts Ordinance**

Ms. Sammann introduced this agenda item. Mr. Boys addressed the Commission regarding the 2008 Public Arts Commission Ordinance. He stated that the Commission was asked to review it in preparation for the transition to an Arts & Culture Commission. The ordinance would need to be edited in order to make the transition official. Following that, the changes would need to be approved by the Commission and then forwarded to the City Council. A brief discussion between members of the Staff and Commission ensued.

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. Hedlund seconded the motion. With no further business, Ms. Sammann declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Submitted,
Sukiya J. Reid, Recording Secretary