

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2020

TIME: 4:30 P.M

PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting (Web ID: 863 6634 8394)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Sammann, Barbara Hedlund, Angela Williams, Jared Miller, Jenelle Orcherton, Gonzalo Pinilla, Frank Modica

MEMBERS ABSENT: Courtney Becks

MEMBERS EXCUSED: n/a

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ashanti Files, Celia Barbieri, Madeline Molina, Max Pociask, Mike McAndrew, Rema Salem, Ralph Lewis, Stacey Robinson

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

The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission was called to order at 4:32 P.M by Sammann. Hicks-Layman took roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ashanti Files presented her final report for the 2019 Urbana Arts Grant – *Writers of Oya*

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. PRESENTATIONS

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

Storm presented the monthly staff report. Topics included an overview of accomplishments made by summer interns, virtual events, and programs hosted by 2019/2020 Urbana Arts Grantees. The report also detailed the Urbana Arts and Culture Program's involvement in local initiatives, including The Great ARTdoors, a collaboration with 40 North, Champaign Park District, Urbana Park District, and Spurlock Museum. Other items included the Urbana Poet Laureate, Will Reger, and his ongoing initiatives, as well as mention of this being a sculpture year, and a reminder that the Public Art League sculpture list was shared via email with Arts and Culture Commissioners.

Arts & Culture Intern, Rema Salem, gave a brief presentation covering her biography, as well as her achievements while involved with the both the Care4U Program through Urbana School District #116 and subsequent internship experience with the Urbana Arts and Culture Program.

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

Storm reported that Urbana's Arts and Culture Program continues to have a suspension of in-person programs with the exception of small and socially-distanced gatherings. The program staff is working remotely while the City building remains closed to the public. An updated list of artist relief programs has also been added to the City website.

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Ralph Lewis**

Lewis presented a final report for *All Score Urbana*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Ashanti Files**

Files presented a final report for *Writers of Oya*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and no objection, Sammann declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Submitted, HeatherAnn Hicks-Layman, Program Specialist