

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: April 14, 2020

TIME: 4:30 P.M

PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Faye, Emily Knox, Emily McKown, Justin McAdara

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

The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission Chair (Samman) requested another member of the board act as chair for the duration of the meeting. Miller nominated Hedlund, Modica seconded. All were in favor and Hedlund accepted.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Miller moved to approve minutes from March 10, 2020, Modica seconded. With no changes, all were in favor and minutes were approved.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Presenter Lisa Faye was moved to present before the monthly Staff Report.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Lisa Faye**

Faye presented a final report for *Experimental Theatre Performance Laboratory for Young Theatre Practitioners*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

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

Storm presented the monthly staff report: All Arts programs sponsored by the Arts and Culture program were cancelled through the end of May, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Storm presented a review of events that were held proceeding the Shelter in Place order. Storm also updated the Commission on progress with 2020 Urbana Arts Grants, as well as the communication happening with 2019 awardees who need extensions due to the COVID-19 outbreak. There are events happening virtually with collaborations between the Arts and Culture Program, Chambanamoms, Urbana Park District, Museum of the Grand Prairie, KOOP Adventure Play, the Poet Laureate, and CU Poetry. There have been major and repeating events postponed until further notice, including Culture Fest, Art at the Market, Young Artist's Studio, and the Ribbon Cutting for 2020 Murals on Glass Selection.

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Emily Knox**

Knox presented a final report for *Heartland Makerfest*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Emily McKown**

McKown presented a final report for *It's My Body*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

- **2019 Urbana Arts Grant, Final Report – Justin McAdara**

Fuller presented a final report for *CU Jazz Festival*, a requirement of their 2019 Urbana Arts Grant.

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

Storm gave an update on what has been cancelled, and the plan for getting info out to the public about cancellations or upcoming virtual events, as well as community resources. Storm also updated the Commission on the possibility of pushing the Downtown Get Down into September.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and no objection, Hedlund declared the meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M.

Submitted, HeatherAnn Hicks-Layman, Program Specialist