

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – September 8, 2014**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present
Kris Tobbe – Present
Shanda Willis - Absent

Brenda Ochodnicki – Present
MJ Takagi – Present

Claudia and the BACC members present welcomed Brenda Ochodnicki to the BACC. Claudia noted that she received an email from Shanda Willis and asked to add item 6.a. to discuss Shanda's resignation.

Also present were Lauri French and Matt Modrack from City staff.

2. **Approval of the September 8, 2014 Agenda**

Claudia Roblee asked to add item 6.a., Discuss Shanda Willis' resignation, to the agenda.

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the September 8, 2014 agenda as amended.
Motion carried 4-0-1.

3. **Approval of the July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve the July 14, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-1, with Brenda Ochodnicki abstaining.***

4. **Receipt of Financial Report**

Lauri French reviewed the July and August financial reports.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve receipt of the July and August 2014 financial reports as presented. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

5. Call to the Public was made at 6:08 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. Consider approval and possible location for a donated work by Diane Kramer – Claudia Roblee stated that she received an email from Diane Kramer proposing the loan of a 4-panel work if the BACC was interested. Claudia noted that the piece has to be exhibited indoors and suggested the large wall in the lobby of City Hall where the County map is currently located (it would have to be temporarily relocated). Brenda Ochodnicki noted that we might want to consider purchasing a Walker hanging system; it could be used for other rotating pieces in addition to Diane Kramer's work. Staff was directed to show the piece to City Manager Foster and advise him that the BACC recommends taking down the map and putting up the art. Mr. Modrack noted that Mr. Foster could decide whether it has to be approved by City Council or not.

6.a. Shanda Willis' resignation from the BACC – Claudia Roblee noted that due to work and other issues that Shanda Willis has resigned from the BACC effective immediately. The vacancy will be advertised by the City Clerk. She asked if anyone knows a City resident who might be interested in being on the commission and to let her know.

Old Business

7. Continue discussion about a BACC logo – Lauri French noted that when we paid our dues to CultureSource.org that they asked for a logo for our organization. Several months ago the BACC

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discussed having a contest for the high school art students to design our logo. Another alternative is to have a professional graphic artist design the logo. There was discussion about several candidates including Brian Eastman, Racquel Jackson, Kim Isaac and Tammy Monroe. Brenda Ochodnicki said that Sarah Grusin from the Brighton Art Guild may know someone in that group. Lauri French was directed to send out emails to the identified graphic artists to get a quote to design a logo and report back at the October BACC meeting.

Other Business

8. Staff Updates

a. Art Prize – Lauri French reminded the commission members that Art Prize runs from September 24 through October 12. She also advised that Diane Kramer has a piece in the exhibit.

Matt Modrack noted that Diane Kramer asked about the possibility of lighting “The Winged Guardian” with solar lights and he said he would investigate commercial solar lights at Home Depot or an electrical supply company.

“City With a Halo” relocation was also discussed and the consensus was to move it back to its original location near the Veterans Memorial. If it doesn’t look good there because of the congestion, we can always ask to move the pad over closer to the gazebo. The sculpture is currently in storage and needs to be repainted. Lauri will follow up with Bryan Barker about the Mob Steel quote to paint “Spiral” and see if they can do “City With a Halo” at the same time. We will probably wait until spring to do the repainting.

Claudia Roblee said she would check with Reverend Johnson at St. Paul’s to find out where “The Hand” is currently. It was moved for the St. Paul expansion but has not been re-installed yet. Claudia asked about the status of the three small Jeff Bohl sculptures. Lauri noted she sent Jeff a note advising him that the exhibit period was over August 1 but has not heard from him. She will follow up with another note.

9. Commission Member Updates – Claudia Roblee noted that there may not be a Gallery Art Walk next year because there has not been enough promotion by the participating galleries other than sending out the postcards. She asked the commission members for ideas. She asked Kris Tobbe when the Council retreat will be held this year. He responded that it will be November 8-9 and that if anyone has any “big ideas” for the retreat, please pass them along to him.

10. Call to the Public was made at 6:45 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

11. Adjournment

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
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