

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 10, 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 (arr. at 6:03)
Shanda Willis - Present

Cori Senak – Present
MJ Takagi – Present

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

2. **Approval of the March 10, 2014 Agenda**

Chairperson Roblee requested that Item 11 be deleted from tonight's agenda and tabled until the April meeting. Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Cori Senak, to table Item 11 to the April meeting. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to approve the March 10, 2014 agenda as amended. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

3. **Approval of the January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Cori Senak, to approve the January 13, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-1-1, with Shanda Willis abstaining.***

4. **Receipt of Financial Report**

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve receipt of the FY 13-14 financial report as presented. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

5 Call to the Public was made at 6:03 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

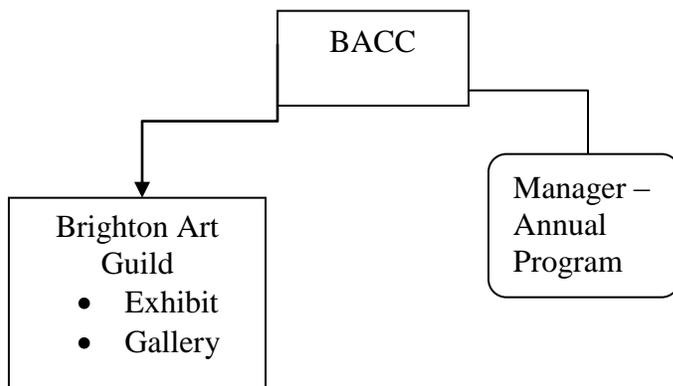
6. Consider approval of \$142 for Michigan Art Guide advertisement (Claudia Roblee) – Ms. Roblee noted that the BACC participated in an ad last year in this publication and that the price this year is lower because there are more participants. Sophia Freni from the Chamber coordinated the ad and the Chamber paid for it, so we will be reimbursing the Chamber. Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to approve the invoice in the amount of \$142 payable to the Chamber for the ad in the 2014 Michigan Art Guide. ***Motion carried 5-0.***
7. Gallery Walks (Claudia Roblee) – Ms. Roblee reported that there are now seven venues in Brighton where art is displayed and art walks will be conducted on the second Thursday each month from June through September. Art venues will be open until either 8:00 or 9:00, with the walk taking place between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. (or 9:00, depending on the store). She requested that copies of the sculpture maps be distributed to each venue for the gallery walks.
8. Request from Brighton Art Guild regarding 2014 Kaleidoscope (reference Sarah Grusin's February 26, 2014 letter to Claudia Roblee) – Ms. Roblee reported that when she met with members of the Art Guild about bringing the Kaleidoscope event back to Brighton that they were concerned about not having a large enough space downtown for all the artists who participate. Ms. Roblee advised the Art Guild that while she would prefer that the event take place downtown, she understood their concerns and informed them that there are some vacant spaces outside of downtown such as Brighton Town Square that may work for the Kaleidoscope event. Matt Modrack volunteered to contact the property owners to find out if they would be willing to work with the Art Guild to bring the event back to Brighton.

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9. Consider request to submit a piece for the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit from Sue Taylor (Lauri French) – Ms. French reported that she received an inquiry from Sue Taylor about how to enter a piece into the sculpture exhibit and was looking for direction from the BACC to invite her to a meeting to show us her proposed art work. Staff was directed to invite Ms. Taylor to the April BACC meeting to show the group examples of her art so they can decide whether to ask her to submit a piece this year.
10. Input from the BACC if City Hall is repurposed as an art center/community center (Matt Modrack) – Mr. Modrack review the handouts provided. He explained that he has been working on the assumption that as part of one of the other large DDA projects that City Hall employees would be relocated and the building would be owned and maintained by the DDA. The DDA had Lindhout Associates draw up a rough floor plan sketch for City Hall to be used as an art center and community center, possibly with SELCRA also located in the building. He has already held informal discussions with the Art Guild on whether the space would work as proposed, and they indicated it would. He wants to make sure the organizational structure as presented below is what the BACC wants before he pursues this issue further. The goal for the conversion of City Hall to an art/community center is to create an activity-generating area downtown during the day. Ms. Roblee indicated that the BACC was interested in being involved as presented by Mr. Modrack, and he was directed to pursue the project as laid out.



Old Business

11. Update from Brainstorming session with Brighton Art Guild for new art-related event (Claudia Roblee) – tabled to April meeting.
12. New BACC logo update (Claudia Roblee) – Ms. Roblee reported that she had only heard from one teacher in response to her inquiry about having art students at BHS and FlexTech participate in a contest to design a logo for the BACC. It was suggested that she talk to Tracy at Art in Bloom, who used to be a teacher, and to send out a reminder to the teachers in May so they can put this in their lesson plans for September.
13. Review revised quote from LandscapeForms for Sculpture Garden benches, trash receptacle and smoking urn – Lauri French advised that LandscapeForms provided a revised quote at our request but noted that their prices increased as of January 1, 2014. The revised quote is \$539 lower than the previous quote, or a total of \$7,671 versus \$8,210. She suggested that the BACC members consider using the three benches that are under-utilized at the pocket park next to 205 West rather than buy new benches; we would still have to purchase a trash receptacle and a smoking urn to match these benches. Claudia Roblee suggested that each member take a look at the benches and walk over to the garden to envision how they would look with the raised flower bed stone (which was chosen assuming we would have bronze fixtures). We will discuss this item at the April meeting after everyone has had a chance to take a look at them.

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Other Business

14. Staff Updates – Lauri French advised that she met with Claudia Jablonski and Cindy Mann from the Brighton Garden Club about a plan to plant annuals and perennials at the sculpture garden. They are working on a plan that will coordinate with the flower basket colors which should be done in time to discuss it at the April BACC meeting. Lauri also noted that the DDA has \$1,000 in its budget for the Garden Club to purchase flowers.

Lauri also noted that our department intern, Adam Kokenakes, will be working on suggestions to better market our sculpture exhibit.

15. Commission Member Updates – None
16. Call to the Public was made at 6:50 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.
17. Adjournment

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Shanda Willis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
Community Development, Planning & Zoning
March 11, 2014

Reminder: Next BACC Regular Meeting – Monday, April 14, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.