

**City of Brighton  
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting – April 11, 2011**

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Roblee called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present  
Tim Cusick – Present  
MJ Takagi – Absent

Larry Lawrence – Present  
Kris Tobbe – Absent (arrived at 4:08 p.m.)

***Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by Tim Cusick, to excuse MJ Takagi from today's meeting.  
Motion carried 3-0-2.***

Also present was Lauri French and Matt Modrack from City Staff and an audience of one.

2. **Approval of the April 11, 2011 Agenda**

Tim Cusick asked if he could add an item to today's agenda; specifically, he would like to discuss the timing of his resignation from the BACC board due to anticipated frequent travel this summer, which would cause him to miss many of the meetings. The item was added as number 5a.

***Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the April 11, 2011 agenda as amended. The motion carried 3-0-2.***

3. **Approval of the March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 21, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes**

***Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the March 14, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.***

***Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded Larry Lawrence, to approve the March 21, 2011 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.***

4. **Approval of March 2011 Financial Report**

***Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the March 2011 financial report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.***

5. **Call to the Public**

Call to the public was made at 4:10 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

**New Business**

5a. **Discuss timing for Tim Cusick's resignation from the BACC Board**

Tim Cusick advised that his work schedule this summer would require him to be out of town with little or no advance notice. Since he does not want to leave the BACC board without a quorum for future meetings, he wanted to discuss when the best time would be to resign his position on the board. Claudia Roblee advised that Tim would have to submit a formal resignation letter. She will put out some feelers about a replacement candidate and let Mayor Bandkau know so a person can be appointed to replace Tim.

6. **Discuss possible dates for ArtPrize field trip (runs from Sept. 21-Oct. 9, 2011)**

Lauri French advised that ArtPrize starts on Wednesday, September 21, and ends on Sunday, October 9, 2011. The board had previously discussed a field trip, possibly on a Monday. The two available Mondays are September 26 and October 3. Claudia Roblee asked everyone to check his or her calendars and let Lauri know which date would be best so we can finalize this at the next meeting. Lauri will send MJ Takagi an email to get this information from her.

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## 7. Jeff Bohl sculptures and replacements

Lauri French advised that Jeff Bohl had contacted her about swapping out his three current sculptures for three new sculptures in 2011. Jeff had also asked if it might be possible to borrow the three current sculptures for a show he is doing in Lansing in May and June. Claudia Roblee tried to get in touch with a potential buyer for the piece in her store, but he has not called her back so she assumes he is no longer interested. Lauri spoke to Al Hummer last week and he also is no longer interested in purchasing "Welcome". Jeff will send pictures of the proposed replacement pieces to Lauri; she will forward them to the BACC board.

***Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by Tim Cusick, to allow Jeff Bohl to temporarily remove his three sculptures – "Welcome", "Vested With Authority" and Wisdom of Our Ancestry" – for his art show in Lansing in May and June. Motion carried 4-0-1.***

## 8. Mill Pond Plan with DDA Design Subcommittee

Matt Modrack distributed a "Millpond Site Plan Study Outline" and gave a brief background of the Veterans Memorial issue. He explained that Piet Lindhout had presented a sketch to City Council for a new Veterans Memorial area in the hillside next to the Old Town Hall building. The DDA Design subcommittee has expressed an interest in working on a new design plan for the Millpond park area, and the BACC was given responsibility last year for recommendations on any new memorials. Matt proposed setting up a series of workshops with the DDA Design subcommittee and the BACC board members to produce an updated Millpond site plan. He plans to talk to the DDA Board next week and ask them to allocate some money on an hourly basis to have Lindhout produce the updated site plan.

***Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by Kris Tobbe, to direct Matt Modrack to request approval and funding from the DDA for collaboration by the Design Subcommittee and BACC board for a Millpond Site Plan Study and to direct Lauri French to schedule workshops after this has been approved by the DDA Board. Motion carried 4-0-1.***

## Old Business

## 9. Pocket park sculptures and contract status

Claudia Roblee noted that the pocket park commissioned artwork was approved at last week's City Council meeting and the contract is being drafted by the City attorney's office. Matt Modrack offered to call Brad Maynes to get this finalized as soon as possible.

## 10. Outdoor sculpture exhibit discussion

- Discuss strategy for three replacement pieces and "Winter '05" – Lauri French reviewed the status of replacements for "American Beauty", "Landscape Sunset" and "I-275". Matt Modrack would like to move "Winter '05" (currently in storage) to replace "American Beauty" and move a new Robert Sestok piece ("Gone Wild") to the Cobb Hall site (would need a new pad or it may be possible to move the pad from North St. to Cobb Hall site). The group discussed trying to get a new piece from either Maureen Voorheis ("Spiral") or her fabricator (Jim Ignash) for either the North St. location (existing pad) or Cobb Hall (would need a new pad). It was suggested that Lauri send a note to Erik and Israel Nordin to determine if they know of anyone who might be interested in exhibiting this year at one of these spaces. She will also contact Maureen Voorheis to see if she might have a piece available.

The group discussed the piece submitted by Jim Lawton ("Down Grass Lake") and came to the conclusion that it would require a very large new base to be poured and it may encourage skateboards to use it as a ramp. The BACC board directed Staff to contact Jim Lawton and let him know of the decision not to exhibit "Down Grass Lake" at this time.

- Discuss status of extension and/or replacement of pieces – Lauri French reviewed an updated status of her contacts with current artists whose pieces are scheduled to rotate out this year on

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August 1. She will follow up with artists who have not responded (John Piet, John Sauve and Rob Todd).

11. **Staff Updates** - The BACC board discussed Kegham Tazian's offer to donate "Play, Play, Play" to the City for an amount agreeable to he and the City for tax donation purposes. The group agreed that they would prefer to have Staff ask Mr. Tazian to swap out that piece for a more substantial sculpture (the current sculpture incurred some damage with a piece broken off some time ago). Lauri French will follow up on this item and have photographs of a proposed piece for the next meeting in May.

Lauri also noted there were two articles about the pocket park commissioned artwork on LivingstonDaily.com and BrightonPatch.com.

12. **Call to the Public** – Call to the Public was made at 5:20 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

13. **Adjournment**

*Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. The motion carried 4-0-1.*

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Lauri French, Administrative Assistant  
Community Development Department  
April 12, 2011

**Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, May 9, 2011 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**