

**City of Brighton  
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting – May 14, 2012**

**1. Call to Order**

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

Claudia Roblee – Present  
CJ Teahan – Present  
MJ Takagi – Present

Larry Lawrence – Present  
Kris Tobbe – Absent (arr. at 4:10 p.m.)

Also present was Lauri French from City Staff.

**2. Approval of the May 14, 2012 Agenda**

*Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by CJ Teahan, to approve the May 14, 2012 agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

**3. Approval of April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Moved by CJ Teahan, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the April 9, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

**4. Approval of April 2012 Financial Report**

*Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the April 2012 financial report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.*

**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**

**Old Business**

**6. Status of collaboration with Brighton Art Guild to promote downtown art**

Claudia Roblee reported that Betty McLeod had relayed the information from our April meeting to Dr. Loniewski and the Brighton Art Guild and that neither had any interest in serving on a committee to promote an art walk. CJ Teahan said she had not had an opportunity to talk to the art teacher at Brighton High School and that she would not be here for the next meeting in June. Since school will be out shortly, she asked if we could work on this for next year and she will contact the art teacher in September.

**7. Cobb-Hall Sculpture Park design plan update**

Claudia Roblee reported that she and Lauri French have met with Karleen Schafer from Landscape Design Associates a couple of times to discuss ideas for the Cobb-Hall site and that Matt Modrack was present at the last meeting. Karleen has submitted a design plan and a cost estimate for building new raised planter beds and adding other plant beds at the Cobb-Hall site. Matt also asked her to include some screening to block off the parking lot behind Stout. The cost estimate came in at over \$30,000 and \$18,000 of that was just to build the raised beds. Matt will be taking the design and estimate to the DDA for funding assistance and we may end up doing the plan in "chunks" as we can afford it. Claudia reviewed the draft landscape plan and noted that the Garden Club's perennials from the former Chamber site would be used in the raised beds and that the Garden Club has agreed to maintain the flower beds at the Cobb-Hall Site.

*Motion by Larry Lawrence, seconded by Kris Tobbe, to approve the landscape design plan by Landscape Design Associates as presented. Motion carried 5-0.*

**8. Extension of artists' sculpture exhibits**

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Lauri French reported that she heard from Ray Katz; he submitted "Spiral the Gate" to a competition but it was not selected. He sent a few alternate sculptures for the BACC to consider if his only alternative to receive a stipend is to swap out "Spiral the Gate" for a new sculpture. She advised that Matt Modrack would really like to keep "Spiral the Gate" at its current location if that could be worked out. She also reported that Erik Nordin from Detroit Design Center has talked to Matt about increasing the size of their sculpture in front of St. Paul's church in light of the planned church expansion and the possibility of adding a feature behind the sculpture on Grand River to make it stand out more. Claudia Roblee noted that Erik needs to understand that we are not purchasing these sculptures and there is not any money available to keep them in the exhibit. Lauri will also check with Jayson Lowery to determine if he plans to pick up "Conscious of Her Shores" and "Siphon" this year. He lives in Virginia and may agree to extend them again.

Claudia reported that she will be meeting with Chief Wightman, some members of the Imagination Station committee and City Manager Foster to discuss the possibility of and need for foot patrols around Imagination Station and pavilion area. The meeting was precipitated by complaints from parents that teenagers are overrunning the Imagination Station and that parents taking their children there in the evenings feel intimidated by their presence. She noted that the Imagination Station is one of the city's best assets and the city should make a commitment to protect its assets.

### **9. Millpond Design Plan task force update**

Claudia Roblee reported that the task force met last week to review the four responses to the RFP for a second look at the draft Millpond Master Plan and their recommendation will be presented at the May 21 Millpond Design Plan subcommittee meeting.

### **Other Business**

#### **10. Staff Updates**

a. Jeff Bohl's sculpture pour (photos) – deleted from today's agenda; will be put on June's agenda.

Lauri French reported that she and Matt Modrack are hosting a Redevelopment Liquor License workshop on June 15 at the Chamber's Conference Center, and representatives from 27 communities around the state will attend.

Claudia Roblee reminded everyone that there is a May 21 Millpond Design Plan subcommittee meeting at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**11. Call to the Public** – Call to the Public was made at 5:10 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

#### **12. Adjournment**

*Moved by CJ Teahan, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.*

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Lauri French, Administrative Assistant  
Community Development Department  
May 15, 2012

### **Reminders:**

**BACC/DDA Millpond Design Committee Meeting –Monday, May 21, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**  
**Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, June 11, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**