

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting – January 9, 2012**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

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

Larry Lawrence – Present
Kris Tobbe – Present

Also present was Lauri French and Matt Modrack from City Staff.

2. **Approval of the December 12, 2011 Agenda**

Claudia Roblee noted that Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were not present yet and suggested moving Item 6 under New Business to Item 11 after Old Business.

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the January 9, 2012 agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Approval of August 8, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the August 8, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0-2 (Claudia Roblee abstaining and Tim Cusick no longer a BACC member).

Approval of December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by CJ Teahan, to approve the December 12, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1 (MJ Takagi abstaining).

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

Lauri French reviewed the financial report and noted that we received City Manager Foster's first installment of his annual donation to the BACC. Larry Lawrence requested that we discuss the purchase of "Spiral" at this time. Lauri French noted that she has not received a response to an email she sent to Dave Ignash, who painted "Spiral", regarding what repairs might be required before it is purchased. Claudia Roblee suggested that discussion about purchasing "Spiral" be deferred until the February BACC meeting.

Moved by CJ Teahan, seconded by Kris Tobbe, to approve the December 2011 financial report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

5. **Call to the Public**

Call to the public was made at 4:05 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher arrived at the meeting along with Tom Tolen from WHMI/Brighton Patch.

New Business

6. **Proposal to donate a memorial sculpture by the Fisher family for Mill Pond Park**

Mr. Herb Fisher gave a brief background of his proposal and why his family would like to donate a sculpture to the City to memorialize his late daughter, Sara Fisher Cole. He showed pictures of the proposed piece, which was made out of plywood as an art project while Sara was in school. The family would like to have a stainless steel sculpture made using the same concepts and proportions as the model. Mr. Fisher also showed examples of other artists' stainless steel pieces and discussed possible locations, including in the planned splash park possibly incorporating Sara's baby quilt design in stamped concrete. Mr. Fisher said he could also bring the plywood model to the next BACC meeting if we would like to see it.

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Larry Lawrence noted that he is not a big fan of anything going in the Millpond itself and would like to see an artist's rendering of what Mr. Fisher has in mind. CJ Teahan suggested that Mr. Fisher contact the Brighton High School Art Department to suggest a possible contest to come up with a winning concept design. The BACC members also suggested other local artists that Mr. Fisher could work with to come up with a rendering, including Piet Lindhout who is also designing the Millpond Master Plan and has works on exhibit in Brighton, and Jim Ignash, who fabricated "Spiral" in front of Tim Horton's. Claudia Roblee noted that once the BACC has seen the rendering, it would be up to the Millpond Design Subcommittee along with Lindhout Associates to determine the best location for the proposed sculpture. She asked Lauri French to send Mr. Fisher the contact information for Piet Lindhout and Jim Ignash and thanked the Fishers for their proposal.

Old Business

7. Discuss possible collaboration on an event with Brighton Art Guild

Lauri French informed the BACC members that she had not had any response from Betty McLeod to an email she sent prior to the holidays asking her to attend today's meeting. MJ Takagi noted that Betty would have to have received direction from the Brighton Art Guild (BAG) board in order to attend or talk about collaboration for an event. Claudia Roblee noted that the BAG board meets the first Wednesday each month, which would have been last week. Lauri French stated that based on documents on the BAG website from last year's Kaleidoscope that were not very complimentary to the City (e.g., sign regulations they felt were too restrictive), that perhaps they are not interested in moving it back to Brighton. Kris Tobbe suggested that the BACC should still be open for collaboration with the Brighton Art Guild should they want to pursue this with the BACC.

8. BACC non-profit discussion

Matt Modrack reported that the DDA attorney, Doug Cameron, has reviewed the non-profit documents and they can be filed whenever the BACC is ready. There was some discussion about whether City Council needs to know and Claudia Roblee said she mentioned the possibility of the BACC becoming a non-profit at one of the December meetings. The draft non-profit document had 15 members and some of the BACC members wondered if that was too many. Matt noted that this was a draft and the BACC could make changes to it. Claudia asked if the BACC could get a motion of support from the DDA (as the funding source for the BACC), and Matt responded that he would put it on the February DDA agenda.

9. DIA "Inside Out" Update

Lauri French reported that she sent an email to the DIA's representative this morning asking for a response today about the status of the program and whether there was someone else we could discuss this with, but did not receive any response. Claudia Roblee asked for Michelle Hauske's phone number and she will try to get in touch with her.

10. Status of replacement for future vacancy on the BACC

Lauri French reported that an ad had been placed in the Press & Argus asking for letters of interest by January 13, 2012. She noted that only one person had expressed an interest so far. Larry Lawrence advised that he wishes to withdraw his intent to resign from the BACC because his schedule has lightened up. The BACC members agreed that we should still collect letters of interest for future use.

Other Business

11. Staff Updates - None

12. Call to the Public – Call to the Public was made at 4:58 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

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Lauri French, Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department
January 10, 2012

Reminders:

BACC/DDA Millpond Design Committee Meeting – January 10, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, February 13, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers