

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – July 14, 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 - Present

Brenda Ochodnický – Absent
MJ Takagi – Present

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Shanda Willis, to excuse the absence of Brenda Ochodnický.

Motion carried 4-0-1.

Also present was Lauri French and Matt Modrack from City staff and an audience of four.

2. **Approval of the July 14, 2014 Agenda**

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the May 19, 2014 agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4-0-1.

3. **Approval of the May 19, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the May 19, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-1-1, with one absence and one abstention.***

4. **Receipt of Financial Report**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to approve receipt of the June 30, 2014 FY 13-14 financial report as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

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 sculpture(s) by Bryan Barker for 2014 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit – Bryan Barker showed the BACC members pictures of two proposed sculptures he would like to be considered for the 2014 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit. He suggested that “Blown Away” could be located where “Stretch” is now near the Imagination Station and “Our Halo” could be located on the pad in front of the CVS parking lot on Grand River. The sculptures are both made of steel and will be built to withstand the elements and possible vandalism. “Blown Away” is approximately 12’ tall and “Our Halo” is approximately 14’ tall. Claudia Roblee inquired whether Bryan would be willing to leave “Stretch” in the exhibit for another two years if the other two sculptures are approved by the BACC, and Bryan was agreeable to that.

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to offer two sculpture spots in the 2014 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit for “Blown Away” and “Our Halo” for a total stipend payment of \$1,500 with “Stretch” to be extended at no charge for an additional two years until August 1, 2016. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

7. Discuss the possibility of putting a military/veterans related sculpture at the “City With a Halo” site – Bill Rubin, Veterans Memorial Committee – Bill Rubin explained that the Committee is now in Phase 2 of the Memorial and have planted flowers and installed memorial bricks. He came up with the idea of a sculpture next to the Veterans Memorial after visiting his daughter in London and seeing one there and he wanted to know whether the Committee could use the currently empty sculpture pad. They do not have any idea how to go about procuring such a sculpture and asked for any assistance the BACC could give. Claudia Roblee explained that it was planned to have “City With a Halo”, which is a permanent sculpture owned by the City, put back at that site once it has been repainted but we could look at relocating it if the BACC agrees to let the Veterans Memorial Committee use the space instead. Matt Modrack noted that City Council would

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have to accept the piece if it is donated to the City. Claudia Roblee also advised that we are working with an artist who is making a piece for the 2014 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit that the Veterans Memorial Committee might be interested in and she invited Mr. Rubin to stay for that discussion so he could see what it looks like. Sarah Grusin from the Brighton Art Guild advised Mr. Rubin that the organization "ArtServe" could be used to do a "call to artists" on their website and that she would send information on ArtServe to the Veterans Memorial Committee.

8. Lynne Friman, Culture Source to talk about the organization and whether the BACC should join (www.culturesource.org) – Lynne Friman presented an overview of CultureSource, which is made up of 120 arts organizations in southeast Michigan from St. Clair Shores to Brighton east to west and Monroe to Oakland County north to south. CultureSource also provides a joint marketing site, ixiti.com, to its members where they can post events happening in their organizations. She went through the website and explained the various services available to members. Membership dues are based on an organization's budget, and since ours is so low, our dues would be \$100 annually. There are four member meetings a year and she noted that Amy DeWys can assist with our membership application.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to allocate \$100 for the annual membership fee to join CultureSource.org. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Old Business

9. Brighton Art Guild update on Kaleidoscope – Sarah Grusin advised that Kaleidoscope would be returning to Green Oak Village Mall in the fall of 2014 since they could not find a suitable location in Brighton despite reaching out to mall owners and realtors. She also advised they are changing the date of Kaleidoscope for next year to sometime in June.
10. Gallery Walk and Paint Out updates (Claudia Roblee) – Claudia gave the group an update on the second Gallery Walks that took place on Thursday, July 10. She noted that there was more traffic than the first one in June. The next Gallery Walk will take place on August 14.

Sarah Grusin reported that they doubled the number of participants in the Paint Out this year and more than doubled the number of paintings which are now on exhibit at ArtVentures and at the CoBACH building. She noted that the Paint Out artists wanted to have a party to meet the other artists and this will be considered for next year, possibly in the Sculpture Garden. Claudia noted that public voting takes place at her store and at CoBACH until Art Festival, at which time the paintings will be moved to the Grape Tent, and the public can vote on them there also.

11. 2014 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit
 - a. Status update – Diane Kramer sculpture – Claudia Roblee advised that she, Lauri French and Sarah Grusin were invited to Diane's house this past weekend to take a look at the completed sculpture. Diane Kramer did a slide presentation from conception to finished product so the BACC would have an idea of how much work went into the sculpture. There was discussion about where the sculpture might be located in the exhibit, and it was suggested that the BACC Sculpture Garden might be a good spot since we are losing Ray Katz' piece right on Main Street and putting it there would make sure it gets good visibility. Diane brought along a list of possible names for the sculpture that have been suggested to her by friends and asked that the BACC members send her a note to let her know which one they prefer so she can finally name the piece.
 - b. Finalize locations for new sculptures and decide whether to relocate any existing sculptures - The consensus of the BACC members was to locate the angel and "Blown Away" in the sculpture garden and put "Our Halo" on Grand River. "City With a Halo" will be returned to its original location after it is repainted with the possibility of being relocated if the Veterans Memorial Committee purchases a sculpture for the memorial. Bryan Barker offered to contact Adam at Mob Steel to see if they are interested in repainting "Spiral" and "City With a Halo"; he will let Lauri know as soon as he hears from Adam.

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Other Business

12. Staff Updates – Lauri French advised that the Fine Art & Acoustic Music Festival is August 1-3 and that ArtPrize is September 24 through October 12.

13. Commission Member Updates – None

14. Call to the Public was made at 7:58 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Shanda Willis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
Community Development, Planning & Zoning
July 16, 2014

Reminder: Next BACC Regular Meeting – Monday, August 11, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.