

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – December 8, 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
Brenda Ochodnický – Present

MJ Takagi - Present
Mary St. Pierre – Present

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

Claudia Roblee and the BACC members welcomed new member Mary St. Pierre.

2. **Approval of the December 8, 2014 Agenda**

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the December 8, 2014 agenda. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

3. **Approval of the October 20, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve the October 20, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-2, with Brenda Ochodnický and Mary St. Pierre abstaining.***

4. **Receipt of October and November 2014 Financial Reports**

Lauri French reviewed the October and November financial reports. She also noted that the FY 15-16 draft BACC budget will be discussed under Staff Updates.

Motion by Brenda Ochodnický, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve receipt of the October and November 2014 financial reports as presented. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

5. Call to the Public was made at 6:05 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. Consider approval of 2015 BACC meeting dates – Lauri French advised that the City Clerk has to publish all board and commission meeting dates for the upcoming year according to law.

Motion by Mary St. Pierre, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the 2015 Brighton Arts and Culture Commission meeting dates as presented. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

7. Discuss plan for 2015 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit

a. 4 sculptures scheduled to rotate out (Elegant Lady-Tazian, Dancer Two-Piet, Doppelganger-Sauve, Sancho Panza-Cannaert) – The current locations of the 4 sculptures were reviewed on the art map. After discussion about these sculptures, Staff was directed to send an inquiry to the four artists to find out if they would be willing to extend their exhibit an additional one or two years or swap out their current sculptures with a different one. This item will be discussed at the January BACC meeting.

b. Discuss possible relocation (which ones and where?) for some of the permanent sculptures – After discussion about the possibility of moving some of the permanent sculptures to a different location, including some that are currently not on exhibit (The Children, City With a Halo), the consensus was to wait until after we hear from the four artists who are being asked to extend their exhibits before making a decision on whether to move some of the permanent sculptures around.

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8. Discuss participation in the Grape Tent at the 2015 Fine Art & Acoustic Music Festival – Claudia Roblee advised that she will not be able to participate as she has done the past two years for the Paint Out and Grape Tent at the Art Festival in August. Her involvement has been to move the paintings from her store and the CoBACH building, where they are on exhibit for a period of time before the festival for voting by the public, to the Grape Tent. She also spent a lot of time in the Grape Tent to keep an eye on the art and to answer any questions the public had about voting, etc. She advised that the Chamber has been requested to move the Grape Tent next to the Brighton Art Guild's tent for next year but a decision has not yet been made. Mary St. Pierre, MJ Takagi and possibly Kris Tobbe may be able to volunteer for next year's event, depending on the date and other obligations. The festival date needs to be confirmed with the Chamber. This item will be discussed further at the January BACC meeting.

Old Business

9. BACC logo – Claudia Roblee reported that she and Lauri French met with Raquel Jackson when she was in town for Thanksgiving to discuss ideas for the BACC logo. She had some questions about whether it should be classic or contemporary and possible colors. She will do a few draft logos for the BACC to consider at the January meeting; the draft logos will be in black and white and once one is chosen, she will do it in a couple of different color combinations.
10. Discuss sculpture lighting alternatives for the BACC Sculpture Garden – Claudia Roblee advised that Jeff Smith from PEA sent her a link to a lighting company's website and the BACC members reviewed the different types that are available to light the sculptures in the garden. Staff was directed to send Piet Lindhout the link to the website so he can do some research on the best alternative available along with pricing. We won't be able to put in any lighting until the spring next year. Matt Modrack indicated he thought it would be possible to extend the electrical lines we put in for future pedestrian lights to use for the sculpture lights. We may be able to put one light in each of the raised beds at the front of the garden to light "Life Tree" and "The Winged Guardian" but the other two lights would have to be at ground level to light the other two sculptures.

Other Business

11. Staff Updates
 - a. DTE streetlight information update – Sculpture Garden (Matt Modrack) – Matt Modrack reported that he obtained information regarding the DTE pricing for the additional cobra head streetlight in front of the BACC Sculpture Garden. At the last meeting, he was requested to find out if it was possible to have a double-headed cobra head with a sodium light on the street side and an LED light on the garden side. Per DPW Director Dave Blackmar, this is possible; the cost would be \$2,863 after a 3 year revenue credit for a 135 watt cobra head. The annual operating cost is \$311 which Matt indicated would probably be paid out of the City's General Fund along with the other streetlights.

There was discussed about pedestrian lighting along the path in the garden. Lauri French advised that Planning & Zoning Director Amy Cyphert thought there might be some spare pedestrian lights in storage at DPW that we might be able to use in the sculpture garden. She also advised that the City is working with DTE to replace all the pedestrian lights over a 3-year period with LED lights, and she would check with DPW to find out if we could either have 3 of the old lights that are being replaced or if we might be able to add 3 new lights to the order. The replacement program is being included in the CIP and will probably begin next year in FY 15-16 (begins July 1, 2015). She will advise the outcome of her discussion at the January meeting.

Matt Modrack also asked the BACC members if the construction sign at the BACC Sculpture Garden could come down; they agreed it could be removed. There was also a discussion about a replacement sign either attached to the raised flower bed wall or in one of the raised flower beds so people would know what the garden is, but no decision was made at the meeting.

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Lauri French reviewed the draft FY 15-16 BACC budget. She advised that the \$5,000 appropriation from the DDA is included in next year's budget again.

12. Commission Member Updates – Kris Tobbe advised that City council will start work on next year's budget in January and discussed the replacement process for Chad Cooper, who resigned from Council effective January 1, 2015. Ladies Night Out was last Thursday and was again very successful judging from the amount of cars parked in the City. The various parking lot lease agreements were discussed and Kris asked if anyone had talked to the churches about leasing their lots. Matt Modrack has had conversations with the Presbyterian and Methodist churches on Grand River and they were not interested due to the number of special events they hold at their facilities. Kris mentioned that St. George's near his house might be interested.

Claudia Roblee announced that Brenda Ochodnicky will begin her term as president of the Brighton Art Guild on January 1, 2015, and the BACC members congratulated her. She replaces Sarah Grusin.

Brenda advised that if there were any items of business with the Art Guild before the BACC that she has asked Jerry Hozier to speak to them to avoid any conflict of interest issues. It was noted that she would only have to recuse herself from any votes regarding the Guild if there was a pecuniary interest involved.

13. Call to the Public was made at 7:00 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Mary St. Pierre, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
Community Development, Planning & Zoning
December 9, 2014