

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
March 14, 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

Larry Lawrence – Present

Tim Cusick – Present

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

MJ Takagi – Present

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

2. Approval of the March 14, 2011 Agenda

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the March 14, 2011 agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0-1.

3. Approval of the February 14, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the February 14, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0-1.

4. Approval of February 2011 Financial Report

Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the February 2011 financial report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-1.

5. Call to the Public

Call to the public was made at 4:08 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed. Kris Tobbe arrived at 4:08 p.m.

New Business

6. Review submissions for 2011 to Artists – Pocket Park Commissioned Artwork

Each of the seven submissions we received in response to the Commissioned Artwork Request for Proposal was reviewed. Three of the submissions were for one sculpture, two of the artists submitted two sculptures and two submitted proposals for three sculptures in the park. The BACC members then chose the artists whose piece(s) met the criteria in the RFP and, based on the photographs, sketches and/or mock-ups, would best “fit” the pocket park. From the four artists on the “Yes” side, each BACC member selected their top two artists – Erik & Israel Nordin (“Recycle”, “Currents” and “Flex”) and Mike Monroe (“Great Blue Heron in Flight”). There were some questions about the sculptures and it was decided to have the artists come in to speak to the BACC about engineering and installation issues, budget and their timelines.

Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to schedule a special BACC meeting on Monday, March 21, 2011 beginning at 4:00 p.m. to review the details noted above with the artists. Motion carried 5-0.

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7. Outdoor sculpture exhibit discussion

- Discuss which pieces to replace and/or extend
- Discuss timing for Call to Artists for replacement pieces

The list of 14 sculptures that are due to rotate out in August 2011 (from the 2009 Biennial Exhibit) was reviewed. Lauri French suggested that we send letters to these artists to determine their interest in either extending their exhibits for another year or two (so we won't have to do a Call to Artists for August 2011) or swapping out their current piece(s) for a new piece(s). There are potential buyers for two of the Jeff Bohl pieces ("Wisdom of Our Ancestry" located at ArtVentures and "Welcome" located at Ore Creek Jewelers) and Lauri will determine if there is still an interest. Jayson Lowery ("Siphon" and "Conscious of Her Shores") now lives in Williamsburg, VA and would probably agree to extend his exhibit. In addition, we have already sent letters to Adnan Charara ("Bring Your Chalk and Draw on Me"), Maureen Voorheis ("Spiral") and Rob Todd ("Rusty the Octopus") to advise them that Matt Modrack is working on trying to sell their pieces to local businesses.

Lauri also noted that we did not receive any proposals included in the May 2011 RFP for replacement pieces for "American Beauty", "Landscape Sunset" and "I-275". She volunteered to send letters to the artists to ask if they would be willing to swap their piece out and replace it with a new piece for the approved \$1,000 per piece stipend amount.

Other Business

8. Staff Updates

9. Call to the Public

Call to the public was made at 5:38 p.m.; hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Tim Cusick, to adjourn the meeting at 5:38p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Lauri French, Administrative Assistant
Community Development & Planning Department
March 15, 2011

Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2011 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers