

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 14, 2016**

1. **Call to Order**

Kris Tobbe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Absent

MJ Takagi – Present – arrived 6:40 pm

Kris Tobbe – Present

Mary St. Pierre – Present

Brenda Ochodnicki – Present

Also present: Michelle Miller & Matt Modrack from City staff.

2. **Approval of the February Agenda**

Motion by Brenda Ochodnicki, supported by Mary St. Pierre, to approve the March 14, 2016 agenda with the following addition Gil White Presentation under item 6

Motion carried.

3. **Approval of the February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mary St. Pierre, supported by Brenda Ochodnicki, to approve the February 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes. ***Motion carried.***

4. **Receipt of January Financial Report**

Motion by Mary St. Pierre, supported by Brenda Ochodnicki, to approve receipt of the February financial report. ***Motion carried.***

5. Call to the Public was made at 6:13 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. Gil White, past president of the Michigan Realtors presented a grant opportunity through the Michigan Realtors and the MEDC. It is called Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper Transformation of Public Spaces. The concept lends itself to the BACC art community. The MEDC offered a \$2,500 grant to the Michigan Realtors and Carol Griffith has offered to pay a \$1,000 towards the match. The MEDC will match up to \$3,500. If we have a local match of \$3,500 – there will be \$7,000.00 available for the space.

Hyne Alley may be a good place to use as a laboratory for music and/ or entertainment. The concept is to try different types of inexpensive transformation before sinking a large sum of money into a project. Engage the local community in the transformation – businesses in and around Hyne Alley. The hope is the BACC will be initiated and managed by the BACC Board of Directors. More information can be found at www.pps.org.

Old Business

8. David Zinn Chalk Art – Kris Tobbe spoke at length about various ideas for an event that would involve David Zinn Chalk Art. A scavenger hunt the weekend (June 16-18, 2016) after

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school lets out for the summer. David Zinn's rates per day is \$850/\$1600 for two days. The BACC would ask for a \$200 sponsorship from the PSD. Kris Tobbe will contact the PTA group to present and market the project. Tracy from Art in Bloom is willing to participate. A second event could take place during the Brighton Fine Art & Acoustic Festival in August. The park next to 205 West Street might be the perfect place for David to put his chalk art – there is not a lot of traffic in that particular area. Some of the funds from the Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper Transformation of Public Spaces could be used. Kris will collect some feedback and bring to the next meeting.

Matt Modrack also suggested that a request could be made to one of the many banks in downtown to sponsor the event.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Mary St. Pierre to entertain discussion for a proposal with David Zinn for two chalk art events – one in June and one in August. Motion carried.

9. Art Place America – Placemaking Matt Modrack told the BACC Board of Directors that the City will not be ready to apply for the Art Place America grant until there is a location for City Hall. He will consider applying next year if there is movement on building or relocating City Hall.

Other Business

10. Staff Updates – Diana Lowe and Debbie Monstrola are retiring in April and May. The University of Michigan will be building on Challis and Karl Griemel Drive

11. Commission Member Updates - July 9-10 is the Paint Out and the 2nd Thursday of the month there will be art at the Millpond for the months of June – August. The Kaleidoscope event will take place from November 4-14 .

12. Call to the Public was made at 7:30 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed

13. Adjournment

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Mary St. Pierre, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. .

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Miller
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DDA/ Community Development