

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
February 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
Tim Cusick – Present
MJ Takagi – Present

Larry Lawrence – Present
Kris Tobbe - Present

Also present was Lauri French City Staff, Greg Mowbray from Brighton Area Fire Authority and Piet Lindhout from Lindhout Associates.

2. Approval of the February 14, 2011 Agenda

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the February 14, 2011 agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of the December 20, 2010 and January 10, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Kris Tobbe, to approve the December 20, 2010 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0-1.

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 3-0-2.

4. Approval of January 2011 Financial Report

Lauri French noted that she added the May 2011 artist stipends, anticipated MEDC grant revenue and budget for the commissioned artwork to the “Memo” section of the financial report as placeholders. *Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the January 2011 financial report as presented. The motion carried 5-0.*

5. Call to the Public

Call to the public was made at 4:10 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

Old Business

6. World Trade Center Memorial Design – Greg Mowbray, BAFA

Greg Mowbray from BAFA gave an update on the status of their request for a piece of WTC steel for a memorial to be located in front of the station on W. Grand River in Brighton. They have received approval from the Port Authority. They do not know the size of the piece yet, but BAFA requested the largest size which is up to 16’ x 9’ x 10’. They are waiting for an email from the Port Authority and once they receive it, they will head to New York/New Jersey to pick it up. The steel will then be housed at one of BAFA’s stations until it is ready for installation at the memorial. They don’t want to work on the design of the memorial until they see the piece and are sure of its size. Claudia Roblee noted that the BACC has donated \$1,000 toward the memorial and asked if BAFA planned to raise funds for the balance. Greg Mowbray said they plan to do fundraising but

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they don't have anything specific in mind yet. As soon as he has any further information he will forward it to Lauri French and she will send it to the BACC members.

7. Veterans Memorial – Piet Lindhout

Piet Lindhout reported that he was asked by Brighton DPS to fix up the Veterans Memorial at the Mill Pond shortly after the discussion about "Decision Pending" and the decision to leave it at its current location. During that discussion, several people brought up the Veterans Memorial and that it had fallen into a state of disrepair, which is disrespectful to our veterans. Piet presented slides of four scenarios for the Veterans Memorial:

	<u>Est. Cost</u>
A – repair and leave at its current location for now	\$ 6,000
B – enhance (all brick) at current location	\$ 13,650
C – five point star with spotlights – current location	\$ 20,400
D – build new memorial in hillside near CoBACH	\$126,000

There was discussion about whether additional memorials could be added to or near this location. Kris Tobbe suggested that additional memorials could be added as long as they were in the form of a bronze plaque that could be affixed to the wall of the new memorial. He also suggested we put up some signs for this year's Memorial Day so people can make contributions to the fund for the new memorial. We could possibly set up funds at a couple of local banks so we don't have to keep track of the money. Claudia Roblee noted we are looking at becoming a non-profit but it probably won't happen this year. She also noted that the group that wanted to move "Decision Pending" is raising money to fix the current memorial. The consensus from the BACC members is that Scenario D is the direction we want to go in.

8. Continuation of 2011 Goals Discussion

The group reviewed the list of 2011 goals. Lauri French noted that Matt Modrack has been investigating what needs to be done to apply for non-profit and hopes to have the information for the next meeting in March. MJ Takagi asked if this information could be sent ahead of time so they have time to review it prior to the next meeting. We discussed scheduling a field trip to ArtPrize in Grand Rapids this year and the consensus was that a Monday would be a good day. Lauri French will work on scheduling this with the BACC members and Matt Modrack.

Selection of pieces for the outdoor sculpture exhibit was discussed. There will be 18 replacement pieces required in August 2011 if all the sculptures that are scheduled to be rotated out. Lauri French suggested that we might want to ask for extensions for some of these pieces for another year. This item will be put on the March BACC agenda and Lauri will provide a list of all current sculptures and an updated art map for that discussion.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding marketing the outdoor sculpture exhibit. Claudia Roblee shared an idea (possibly for next year) about having artists pick one of the sculptures as a "muse" to create a piece of art on-site at that sculpture. Their creation would then be exhibited in one of the downtown stores and the public could vote on it. This could be tied in with the Brighton Art Festival. Claudia Roblee and Kris Tobbe volunteered to create the Marketing & Promotion subcommittee for the sculpture exhibit. They will work together to put a plan together for next year and come up with ideas that can be implemented this year.

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MJ Takagi suggested we use the entrances to the City to post signs that would pique peoples' interest – something along the lines of “Do you know where the 36 are”, without identifying what it is we're talking about. The signs could be changed out every so often to keep the interest up.

9. Call to Artists (2011)

Lauri French reported that the two walk-throughs of the pocket park were held on January 28 and February 4 and were attended by Lois Teicher, Robb Todd & Casey Dixon, Kegham Tazian, John Sauve, Piet Lindhout and Erik Nordin. Ray Katz was scheduled to attend on February 4, but wrote the wrong date down on his calendar. Lauri send him the photographs and site plan and he will visit the site himself. The due date for both the RFP and the call to artists for the three large replacement pieces is the end of February, so a decision could be made either at the next regular BACC meeting on March 14, or a special BACC meeting the week of 3/7. Lauri noted that she is on vacation from 2/28 through 3/8/11.

Other Business

10. Staff Updates

- Lauri French passed around photographs of some models for the pocket park benches that Piet Lindhout has been working on with the fabricator. The feedback from the group was not positive.
- Larry Lawrence asked if the proposal for the Whale Tail in the Mill Pond has been finalized one way or the other. Lauri French noted that Dave Bogdan called prior to the Christmas holiday to advise that he was working on getting sponsorships to help defray costs since the BACC does not have the money. He also asked about the depth of the Mill Pond. Lauri spoke to Matt Schindewolf and he does not know the exact depth of the Mill Pond; he said there may be 1-2 feet of silt at the bottom and would not know without doing depth soundings. He was not in favor of putting anything in the Mill Pond and also advised that the current aerator fountain (donated by the Kiwanis Club) only had one power source so none was available for the pump on the Whale Tail. Staff was directed to write a letter to Dave Bogdan on behalf of the BACC to advise him we do not want to pursue this and is free to pursue it with another community if he wishes.
- Kris Tobbe wanted to thank Claudia Roblee and Lauri French for information they provided to him for a dinner last week with the former director of the DIA, who was very impressed with what Brighton is doing with public art exhibits.

11. Call to the Public

Call to the public was made at 5:50 p.m.; hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

11. Adjournment

***Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50p.m.
The motion carried 5-0.***

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

Next BACC Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2011 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers