

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting – October 10, 2011**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee . Present
CJ Teahan . Present
MJ Takagi . Present

Larry Lawrence . Present
Kris Tobbe . Absent

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by CJ Teahan, to excuse Kris Tobbe from today's meeting. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Also present was Lauri French from City Staff.

2. **Approval of the October 10, 2011 Agenda**

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the October 10, 2011 agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0-1.

3. **Approval of August 8, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from August 8, 2011 could not be approved at today's meeting, as a quorum of those present at that meeting did not exist.

4. **Approval of August and September 2011 Financial Reports**

Claudia Roblee asked that the financial reports be approved separately. Lauri French noted that we received the balance of the MEDC Rural Arts Grant, which is reflected in the August 2011 report.

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the July 2011 financial report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

The September 2011 financial report was not approved; there was a question about what the American Awards & Engraving expenditure was for that could not be answered at today's meeting. Lauri French will research the bill to discuss and approve the September report at next month's meeting.

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

6. **2012 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit Discussion**

- Consider a new complementary event (e.g. Grand Haven ArtWalk)

Lauri French requested that the BACC members discuss what they want to do for the 2012 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit in light of the ongoing vandalism to the sculptures and the amount of work involved to replace the 12 sculptures that are due to be rotated out in August 2012. The recent vandalism to Collaborative Transformation and the accidental damage to A Keeper were discussed. Some decisions need to be made about whether to keep 37 sculptures (14 of which are permanent) in the exhibit or reduce that number.

There was discussion about the 12 sculptures that are scheduled to rotate out for the 2012 Sculpture Exhibit and whether the BACC wants to direct Staff to replace all or some of them for next year. Claudia Roblee noted that the group has discussed trying to keep some of them by having an outside company (i.e., Meijer and Tim Horton's) buy them and donate them back to the City. She asked if we could send two letters to the artists . one to those whose sculptures we want to find a buyer for and one for the others we

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would like to extend for another one or two years so we don't have to find replacements next year. The BACC members identified the following five sculptures for which they would like to find buyers:

1. Bring Your Chalk and Draw on Me (Adnan Charara) . MJ Takagi mentioned that Dennis Dimoff from Kiwanis was going to contact Matt Modrack about the Kiwanis possibly buying this sculpture.
2. Siphon . Jayson Lowery
3. Conscious of Her Shores . Jayson Lowery
4. Rusty the Octopus . Rob Todd
5. Spiral . Maureen Voorheis . Matt Modrack received an email from the local Tim Horton's contact indicating that their corporate office was not interested in purchasing the sculpture. He will contact the franchise owner to see if they might be interested. Larry Lawrence said if the owner is interested and if it would sweeten the pot, Lawrence Auto Body would pay half the purchase price under the condition that the sculpture be donated to the City, with maintenance and insurance covered by the City.

The BACC would like to send letters to the artists of the following sculptures to extend their exhibit another one or two years:

derived from circles-self series 3 - Israel Nordin
derived from circles-self series 2 - Israel Nordin
Spiral the Gate . Ray Katz
Sancho Panza . Steve Cannaert

The three Kegham Tazian sculptures will be returned to the artist (Collaborative Transformation has been damaged and will be returned earlier than scheduled). Lauri French will draft the letters for approval at the next BACC meeting.

There was a discussion of a possible complementary event to the sculpture exhibit similar to Grand Haven's ArtWalk. A suggestion was made to invite the new Brighton Art Guild president, Betty McLeod, to one of the BACC meetings to discuss whether the BAG might be interested in participating in that type of event. MJ Takagi volunteered to call Betty to invite her to the November meeting. After further discussion, it was suggested that a sculpture walk could be tied into the DIA Inside Out installation in April-May 2012 since that event will probably receive a lot of press. This item will be discussed further at the November meeting.

7. 2012 Fine Art & Acoustic Music Festival

Lauri French advised that Matt Modrack was invited to participate on the committee to discuss next year's Fine Art & Acoustic Music Festival. The committee has suggested several major changes based on feedback from this year's event:

- Change the date to the first weekend in August to avoid competing with Milford Memories
- Move the event back to Main Street and close the street beginning at noon on Friday
- Locate entertainment stations at various locations from Grand River to First Street
- Have the restaurants assume a more participatory role in the festival

Old Business

8. **BACC goals update for 2012** . The list of 2011 goals was reviewed and the BACC members were asked to think of possible goals for 2012 for discussion at the November meeting.

9. **Vandalism update** . this item was covered in Item 6 above.

10. **DIA Inside Out Program** . Lauri French reported that she has sent two emails to Michelle Hauske at the DIA asking for the status of the program for Brighton, but has received no response. The DIA was supposed to visit the city in order to look at our suggested installation sites so we could finalize getting permission from the building owners (if required) over the winter for the spring installation. MJ Takagi suggested another email be sent to the DIA to emphasize that we have plans to tie into the DIA installation that have to be finalized and that

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maybe that will prompt a response. Lauri will send another email and advise the outcome at the November meeting.

Other Business

11. Staff Updates

- a. Purchase of Spiral+ by Tim Horton's Corporate Office . this item was discussed previously in Item 6 above.
- b. Permanent sculpture plaques update . Lauri French reported that she and MJ Takagi had met to discuss the format of the proposed plaques. Lauri will talk to American Awards & Engraving and have them put a proposal together for discussion by the BACC.

Claudia Roblee noted that she will ask the PSD Board if there are any funds available to market the DIA Inside Out Program and sculpture walk. She will also check with Chief Wightman to find out if he got additional signs and cameras for the pocket park next to 205 West to inhibit the bicyclists from riding on the walls.

Lauri French reminded the BACC members about the next Millpond Design Plan Committee meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

12. Call to the Public . Call to the Public was made at 5:15 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

13. Adjournment

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by CJ Teahan, to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. The motion carried 4-0-1.

Lauri French, Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department
October 11, 2011

Reminders:

BACC/DDA Millpond Design Committee Meeting – Monday, October 17, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

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