

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting – July 11, 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 – Absent (arrived at 4:15 pm)

Kris Tobbe – Absent (excused)

MJ Takagi – Present

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

2. **Approval of the July 11, 2011 Agenda**

Matt Modrack asked that two items be added to today's agenda. Item 7a-Funding for Art Fair Banners and Item 7b-Funding for permanent lighting at the Cobb Hall site. ***Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the July 11, 2011 agenda as amended. Motion carried 3-0-2.***

3. **Approval of June 13, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the June 13, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0-2.

4. **Approval of June 2011 Financial Report**

Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the June 2011 financial report as presented. Motion carried 3-0-2.

5. **Call to the Public**

Call to the public was made at 4:05 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. **Approve bill from Corrigan Towing – move “Winter ‘05” and “Gone Wild” from DPS to the Cobb Hall site and bolt to concrete pads**

Matt Modrack explained that he was forced to use outside help from Corrigan Towing in order to move the two sculptures from storage at DPS to install them at the Cobb Hall site due to manpower issues at DPS. He received a quote from Corrigan Towing and asked that the BACC approve the \$325 bill in today's packet.

Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the Corrigan Towing bill in the amount of \$325 to move “Winter ‘05” and “Gone Wild” from storage at DPS to the Cobb Hall site and bolt them to the concrete pads. Motion carried 3-0-2.

7. **Consider approval and stipend for John Sauve submission for August 2011 Sculpture Exhibit (to replace “Dreieinigkeit”, #15 on Art Map) and extension of “Sie Sind Hier”**

Discussed John Sauve's proposal to replace “Sie Sind Hier” (removed from Hyne alley location earlier this year “for repairs” by John) only if BACC accepts the new sculpture to replace “Dreieinigkeit” (outside Matt Modrack's window next to City Hall) for which he would receive a \$1,000 stipend. Some of the BACC members expressed concern about the design of his proposed sculpture and its safety so near to the Imagination Station. There was also discussion about the term of the signed agreement for the sculptures that were removed early.

Staff was directed to contact John Sauve and ask him if he would be willing to extend the term of his current sculpture, “Dreieinigkeit”, for two more years and, if not, to provide detailed sketches of the proposed sculpture and one alternative sculpture for consideration by the BACC for the sculpture exhibit.

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7a. BACC Funding for Art Fair Banners

Matt Modrack requested that the BACC allocate funding for four (4) banners for the upcoming August Art Fair similar to the ones that were done by W4 Signs for the recent Americana Festival, which cost approximately \$500. He reviewed some draft artwork for the banners and explained that they could be used over and over using an "add-on" date piece at the bottom of the banners.

Motion by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to allocate up to \$1,000 for banners for the Fine Arts and Acoustic Musical Festival. Motion carried 4-0-1.

7b. BACC Funding for Permanent Lighting at the Cobb Hall Site

Matt Modrack noted that the four sculptures are now in place at the Cobb Hall site and asked that the BACC consider funding for permanent lighting. He has had preliminary conversations with the City's DPS director and has the name of the electrician the City uses to get estimates. Matt does not believe that solar lights would work as effectively as hard-wired electric lights. If the BACC approves funding, Matt will contact the electrician to get an estimate to consider at the next BACC meeting.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Tim Cusick, to allocate up to \$1,000 for permanent lighting at the Cobb Hall site. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Old Business

8. Discuss status of candidates to replace Tim Cusick

Claudia Roblee reported that we have not received letters of interest from any candidates to replace Tim Cusick. Staff was directed to advise the City Human Resources Director, Clerk and City Manager that they should place an advertisement in the paper and on the City's website.

9. Consider placement locations for three new Jeff Bohl sculptures in downtown retail stores (tabled at June 13, 2011 meeting)

The list of seven merchants who had expressed an interest in hosting one of Jeff Bohl's sculptures was reviewed. Lauri French noted that Hush Intimate Apparel's front window is lit at night per its owner, Lisa Nelson. There was discussion about the other locations with Hush Intimate Apparel, W4 Signs and HBW Insurance & Financial Services selected with the conditions that the sculpture must be visible entirely in the front window of their respective stores and the window or sculpture must be lit at night. The stipend amount for the three pieces was confirmed at \$250.

Motion by Tim Cusick, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to direct Staff to contact Hush, W4 Signs and HBW Insurance & Financial Services to advise them that they have been selected as custodians of a Jeff Bohl sculpture at each of their stores for a period of two years with the condition that the sculpture be totally visible in a front window of their store and that the window or sculpture has to be lit at night. If they cannot accept these conditions, the fallback exhibit locations are to be Art Ventures, Ore Creek Jewelers and Artisan's Bench. Motion carried 4-0-1.

10. Outdoor sculpture exhibit discussion

- Lauri French reported that "Winter '05" and Bob Sestok's "Gone Wild" sculpture were moved from DPS to the Cobb Hall site and installed on June 28, 2011. Matt Modrack had to use Corrigan Towing for this and their bill was approved at today's meeting in the amount of \$325.
- Status of extension and/or replacement of pieces – Lauri French reported that Rob Todd has agreed to extend the exhibit of "Rusty" and we expect a signed amendment to his artist agreement shortly. Kegham Tazian had planned to put a replacement piece in the exhibit for "Play, Play, Play" but due to other commitments he has decided to extend the current piece for a year and will send us an amendment to his agreement. Lauri also mentioned that she sent Ken Thompson a note to schedule de-installation of "Broom" prior to August 1.
- Chamber of Commerce Artists' Reception – Lauri French reported that she sent the artist contact information to Becca Boss at the Chamber for the invitations to the artists' reception on August 13. There was discussion about where the reception would be held since the Chamber will have already moved to their new office on Grand River. Matt Modrack noted that since the current

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Chamber office on Hyne would be empty by then, they could still hold the reception there. Claudia Roblee will contact Pam McConeghy to find out the details.

11. Pocket park sculptures status

Lauri French reported that the sculpture installation would be either the end of this week or the beginning of next week and she will let the BACC members know so they can check them out.

Other Business

12. Staff Updates – Lauri French reminded the BACC members to make sure the ArtPrize trip is on their calendars for Monday, September 26.

13. Call to the Public – Call to the Public was made at 5:35 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded by MJ Takagi, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The motion carried 4-0-1.

Lauri French, Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department
July 13, 2011

Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, August 8, 2011 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers